Short Sufi Tales

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“IN THE NAME OF GOD, THE MOST GRACIOUS, THE MOST MERCIFUL”

“And say, ‘My Lord! Increase me in knowledge.’”

Quran 20:114

When you implement knowledge on your body it becomes a snake. When you implement knowledge in your heart (as spiritually conscious phenomena) it becomes your friend.

Hazrat Jalāl al-Dīn Muḥammad Rūmī (RA)

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PREFACE

Short Sufi Tales consists of one hundred and one (102) short stories. These stories have various layers of meanings related to the psychological, intellectual, moral, and spiritual realms of the human personality, helping people in this life and in their journey toward ultimate success hereinafter.

It was my intention to keep these stories simple and concise so that the intended message is conveyed in the most natural and pure manner possible. We, at the platform of Darul Hikmatul Khalidiyya, have the objective to convey the basic principles of morality, wisdom, and Sufi thought in a manner that our readers do not confuse with the terminologies of our philosophical heritage; instead, we aim to help them to directly approach the wisdom for the development of their personalities.

Darul Hikmatul Khalidiyya has a lot of similar projects underway with our team of dedicated persons. I am thankful to our vice president, Mehmood Anwar, for his management and hard work in composing and publishing this book as well as his contributions in the review and proofreading of this book.

Finally, I would like to admit my weaknesses as a human being, and I shall appreciate any comments and advice from our readers to correct and improve this book for its future editions.

Malik Muhammad Usman

PREFACE

In this book " Short Sufi Tales " Malik Muhammad Usman in a very beautiful way and using simple language provides the tools of learning psychological, social, ideological and spiritual wisdom from the events of daily life and short tales.

I have a long-standing tie with Malik since 90's and always improved my life by learning from his thoughtful thinking, good manners and positive personality.

At the beginning of March 2021, when Malik started sharing hand written stories on his Facebook profile, a desire arose in my heart that may God make me a part of this project. when I expressed my desire, he accepted and allowed me to work on compiling, proofreading, preparation of graphics and publishing this book.

Being an editor, it was really hard job for me to convert the handwritten tales into the shape of an international english version of this book “Short Sufi Tales”, right now in your hands.

We intend to make circulation of this book across the globe; particularly to the libraries of Universities and Colleges.

We hope the readers would like our effort on this book which is second in row after our first publication with the title name of “Hikaayat-e-Usmani”.

We have done our best in standardization of this book and intend to further improve our quality in the future editions. Any suggestions by readers in this regard shall be highly appreciated.

Mehmood Anwar

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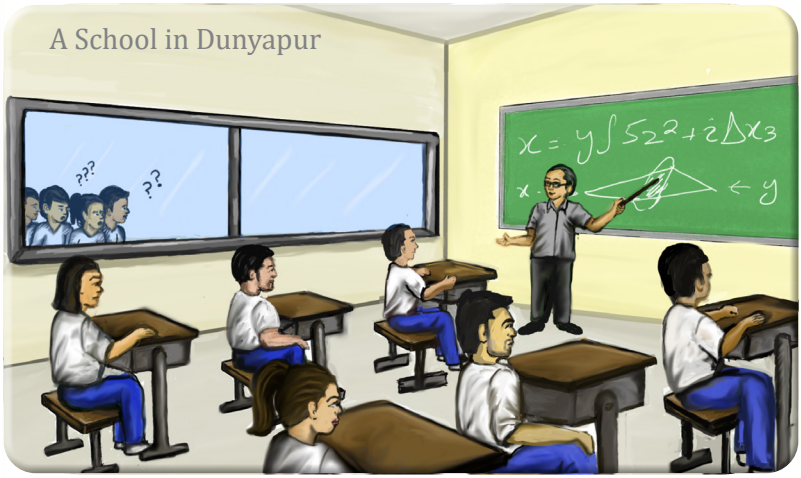
1. A School in Dunyapur

Dunyapur is a densely populated big city that is not only geographically famous but also attractive having numerous living and employment opportunities.



In Dunyapur, there was a school where children were studying from Grade1 to Grade10. Every grade had a separate classroom. The teachers taught the subjects assigned to them. Some of the teachers were assigned more than one subject to teach the children of various grades.

One day, a few students from Grade1 stood beside the window and peeped into the Grade 10 classroom. Inside, a teacher was teaching the Grade 10 class. The young Grade 1 students standing beside the window continued listening for a long time, but they could not understand anything. They returned to their classroom surprised and confused.

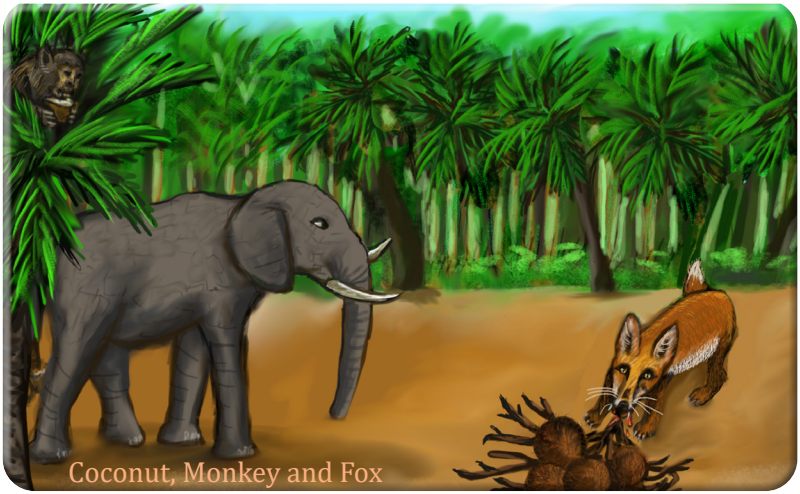
Although all the students at the school were wearing the same uniform, their understanding was limited to the grade in which they were presently studying.

Hints:

Dunyapur	:	This world.
Grade1	:	Initial level of understanding.
Grade 10	:	Developed level of understanding.
School uniform	:	The apparent biological similarly between the people.

2. Coconut, Monkey and Fox

Once a fox was passing through an island where she saw many coconut trees with monkeys sitting on them. The monkeys were plucking coconuts from the trees, eating the fruit, and throwing away the shells.



Seeing that, the fox also started collecting coconuts, which she stored near a bush.

After collecting, she was worried about how to take these coconuts back to her home in a nearby cave. Then, an idea came to her mind. She cut a dense bush with her mouth, put all the coconuts on the bush, and started pulling the whole lot back to her cave with her mouth.

During that process, she injured her mouth and her paws started bleeding. Her whole body became dirty, and she was greatly fatigued.

On the way to her cave, she met a wise elephant. The elephant asked the fox, "*Why and where are you carrying these coconuts?"*

The fox replied, *"I have seen monkeys eating coconuts, so I also decided to collect coconuts and carry them home."*

The elephant said, *"But the monkeys only eat the meat from the coconut. They do not lift the burden of the shells and remains."*

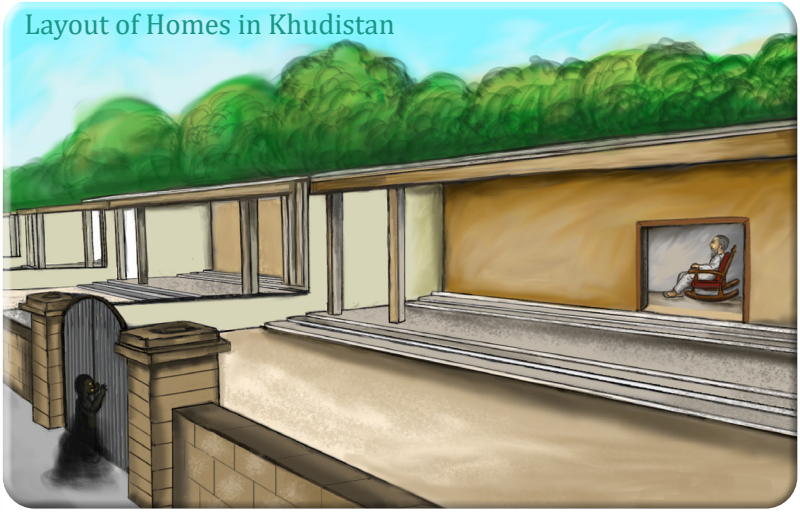
The elephant also pointed out, *"Coconut is not a food for a fox. Why then are you suffering from this hard work? "*

Hint:

Knowledge is the essence that penetrates into the heart. It is not measured merely by the weight of books and the length of surnames.

3. Layout of Homes in Khudistan

The Khudistan is a state, where municipality instructed its residents to construct their homes following a particular construction plan. It was notified that those homes whose construction shall not be in accordance with the plan would not be given the completion certificates.



The municipal council discussed the standard construction plan for a house in great detail. Finally, after a long thought process, a basic construction layout plan was issued. This was a reference layout for all the homes of Khudistan.

It was made compulsory that between the entrance gate of a home and the rear rooms a suitable distance shall be maintained.

The entrance gate should open in a spacious courtyard. Any person entering a home shall use the entrance gate and arrive in the courtyard.

He shall then cross the courtyard to reach the veranda constructed in front of the rear rooms. He shall then by crossing veranda reach in front of the doors of the rear rooms.

Hence there were four steps for a person to enter a rear room: the entrance gate, the courtyard, the veranda, and the door of the rear room. No one could enter a rear room unless he first would pass through by these four checkpoints.

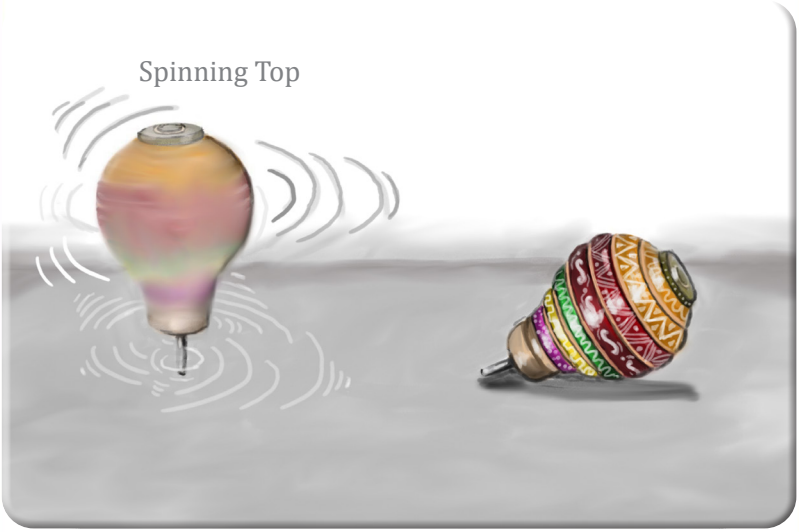
The residents of Khudistan greatly appreciated this construction layout plan. They realized that it keeps them safe and separate from any person entering their homes. The barriers between the entrance gate and the rear rooms ensured an appropriate distance, which, in turn, generated peace and tranquility in their lives.

Hints:

Khudistan	:	(Literal meaning "self/soul-land") the personality of a person.
Entrance gate	:	The route from where the sense data and emotions enter the mind.
Rear room	:	The commanding center of consciousness.
The barriers	:	The ability of a person to remain in control, sitting at the center of his consciousness without being immediately influenced by emotions, sensations, and perceptions.

4. Spinning Top

A child had a beautiful spinning top. The body of the top was carved with magnificent colorful designs.



Whenever the child spun this top with his fingers, no design and colors were visible on its structure. It was as if the speedy movement of the spinning top had hidden its own self from itself.

However, when this top came out of its speedy movement and slowed down, its designs and colors appeared once again.

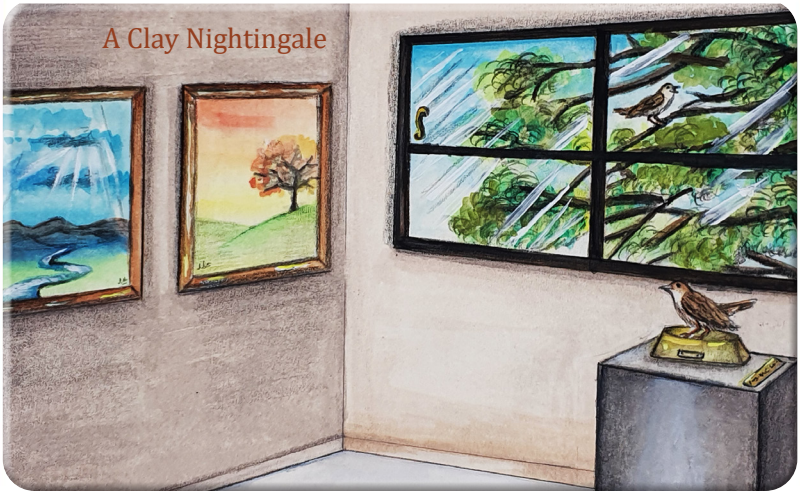
Hint:

When people intensively participate in this life's material struggles, their own beauty is hidden from them. Those who persist in that practice will likely lose the opportunity to develop their souls, which is this life's ultimate purpose.

5. A Clay Nightingale

An artist kneaded clay and made a nightingale. He installed it near a flower bed in a garden.

Any person glancing from a distance perceived it as a real nightingale. However, upon coming closer, it was revealed to him that it was not real; instead, it was made of clay.



Although its colorful surface reality was that of a nightingale, but from the perspective of inner reality it did not contain any of the faculties of a real nightingale.

Neither it had a nightingale mind, nor did it have any passion for flowers and gardens.

Hints:

Surface reality	:	External senses (the five senses).
Inner reality	:	Internal senses (the subtle senses).
Passion for flowers	:	A life of higher meaning.

6. Greed

A farmer in a village had a goat. She grazed the whole day without being satiated. One day, she grazed from early morning till evening but was not contented due to her being inflicted with polyphagia.

In the evening, she found the door of the farmer's residence open and entered the room. In a corner of the room, she saw a cotton sack full of wheat. She tore the sack with her mouth and swallowed in a moment a large quantity of wheat grains.

A long day grazing, followed by swallowing a huge quantity of grains, caused her to suffer from bloating.

She came out of the room in a dizzy condition and fell down in the courtyard. Her belly was swollen, and a kind of foam was spilling from her mouth.

When the farmer saw this, he was worried and rushed to provide her with medical treatment.

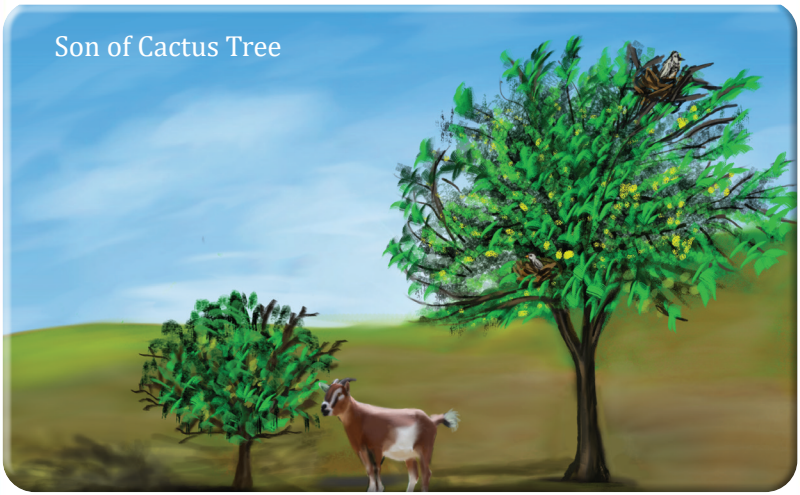
His efforts, however, ended up in vain as the goat had already knocked on the door of a nearby slaughterhouse.

Hints:

Farmer	:	A person.
Goat	:	A greedy self.
Swollen belly	:	The outcome of greed.
Slaughterhouse	:	An untoward end of life.

7. Son of a Cactus Tree

A cactus tree was standing vigorously in a forest. He faced all kinds of weather, but neither scorching heat nor freezing cold had any impact on its steadfastness.



One day, a son of this cactus tree asked his father, *"How long shall we remain standing in the forest with our feet grounded in the earth? Why should we not also move like other living beings?"*

The cactus tree replied to his son, *"We are receiving our sustenance without any break from the earth and the heaven. We do not need to run after our sustenance."*

He further said, *"See these people and animals, they walk toward us. The birds make nests in our souls. The winds are ordained to blow and dance with us. The clouds are instructed to pour rains on us.*

"All this is a reward for our steadfastness and that steadfastness is very dear to us."

Hint:

Steadfastness, when exercised with the required knowledge, bears fruit in all the aspects of material and spiritual life.

8. Son of Springs

There was a garden, green and bloomed,
But was yearly, by autumn doomed.

Spring when comes, autumn shall leave.
When autumn comes, spring shall grieve.

However, once, this routine flopped.
A son of spring, this turning stopped.

Although it happened many decades,
I will defend these autumn's raids.

We own this garden, all in all,
Shall not give autumn even a small.

To us this garden wholly belongs,
Let not raise autumn any demands.

Hint:

The human being, vicegerent of God, has been given the power to give positive direction to the multifarious levels of existence in the universe.

9. Horns and Treasure

A cow had two long pointed horns on her head. A person asked her, *"Why do you have these horns on your head?"*

The cow replied, *"I have a treasure in my head and these horns protect that treasure."*

"But your real treasure is milk. You are milked every single day and you do not resist at all," replied the person.

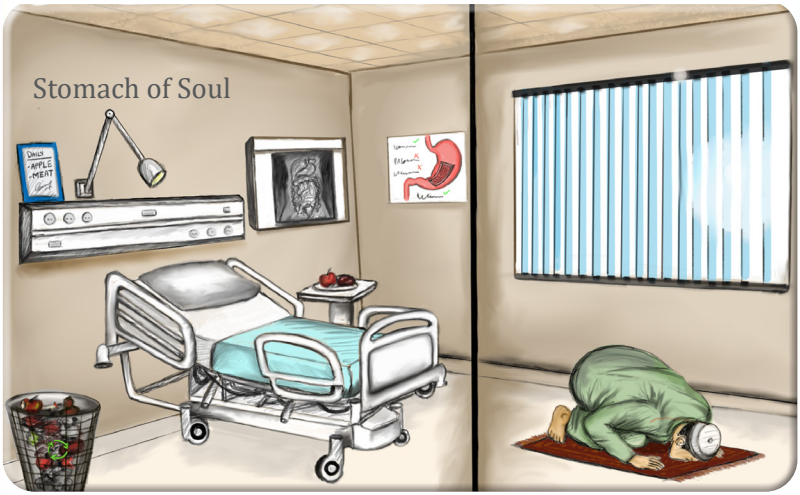
Hints:

Treasure	:	The Individual rational mind.
Horn	:	To be restrictive to the individual rational mind.
Milk	:	Collective wisdom - higher consciousness/higher self; where individual rational mind needs to be directed to.
Being Milked	:	Living in one's restrictive mind, unaware that opportunities to develop wisdom and higher consciousness are being lost.

10. Stomach of Soul

A young man looked in the mirror and found that his face was turning pale. This made him sad and worried.

A wise man told him to eat apples. The vitamins and minerals in the apple would make his skin red and shining. He ate apples, but it did not work on his skin. Instead, he started feeling heaviness in his mood.



Another person told him to eat liver. It would help his body increase its blood count, turning his face red. Eating liver also did not benefit him. Instead, he suffered from a loose stomach.

Over time, he became weaker and weaker. One day, his friends took him to a doctor. After certain tests, the doctor diagnosed that his stomach was too weak to properly digest any food and nutrients. He advised the man to go through proper treatment for his stomach. It was only after this treatment that he would benefit from food and nutrients.

The young man followed the doctor's advice and went through the proper stomach treatment. Soon he started taking and digesting healthy foods.

It was not a very long time before he became healthy and his face turned red and bright.

Hints:

Face turning pale	:	Moral weaknesses, living without being conscious of the status of one's real self.
Apple, liver	:	Prayers, supplications.
Stomach	:	The capacity of one's soul to be receptive to the light of ultimate reality and to be harmonious with the universal consciousness.
Treatment of stomach	:	To increase one's capacity to be receptive to the light of the ultimate reality and to be harmonious with the universal consciousness.

11. Tailor and Sewing Machine

A tailor had a routine of opening his shop early in the morning and continuing sewing garments till evening.

During this time, he could hardly stitch one piece of suit by working on his manual sewing machine from morning to evening.

Tailor and Sewing Machine

He then advisedly decided to set up an electric motor to run his sewing machine. By doing so, he sped up his workmanship and now he could prepare two pieces of suit per day.

He tried to do even better but could not cross this production limit. In fact, the movement of time clock hanged in his shop, the speed of sewing machine and his own skill and capacity to work could not yield any better result. He had to stay satisfied with this limit.

Hints:

Tailor	:	Human.
Sewing machine	:	Individual human capacity.
Electric motor	:	Advisable enhanced individual capacity but still has a limit.
Clock	:	An individual's lifetime.

12. Ramu's Tonga

Ramu had a horse of a smart breed. He had trained this horse to pull the cart, thus making it a source of income for his daily life.

Once Ramu told his horse that in England there occurs a horse race named the Derby. In this race many horses of smart breeds from around the world arrive and take part.

By listening to those words, the horse became more attentive to Ramu's speech. Ramu continued, *"The winning horse is awarded with a prize to the tune of millions of dollars."*

When the horse heard this, he became quiet for some time and then suddenly spoke out. *"We horses neither know how to use money nor do we have any requirement for this money. What, then, is the use of this millions of dollars prize for the winning horse?"*

Ramu replied, "*Oh, you fool! Although that money is won by the horse, it is the owner of the horse who takes it over for his own use.*"

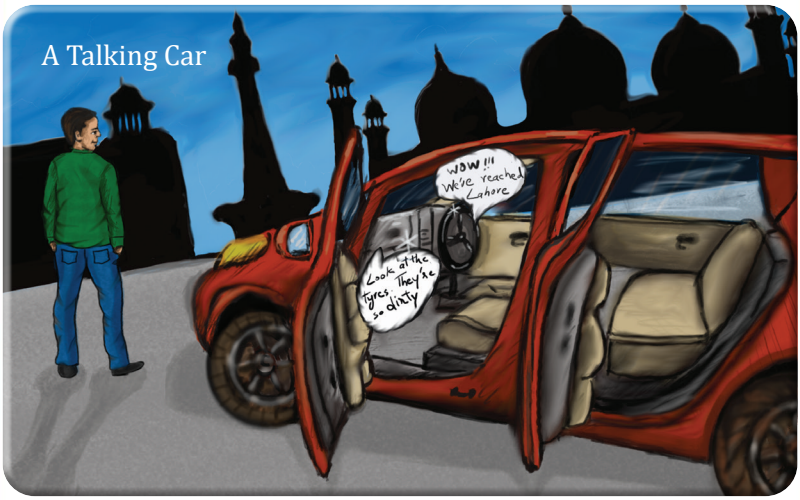
Hint:

What one achieves out of his hard work should be of the nature that the person doing this hard work can also enjoy it. If that is not the case, it is only a futile exercise.

13. A Talking Car

A beautiful car reached Lahore at a thrilling speed of over one hundred kilometers.

Immediately upon arrival, the front seat of the car said, *"Great! I have reached Lahore so comfortably and totally fresh."*



The dashboard was also in a boasting mood. It said, *"I am clean and shining, absolutely no sign of traveling and tiredness on my face."*

Both the front seat and dashboard then started backbiting tires of the car. *"What a dirty part of the car they are. They must have passed through mud and filth on the way to Lahore."*

When the tires heard this, they replied, *"No doubt we have faced all kinds of difficult situations on the way to Lahore, and our bodies have become coated with mud and filth. But had we not suffered all this pain, how would you have both reached your destination sitting so neat and clean."*

The car driver with the car key in his hand listened to their conservation and laughed loudly.

Hint:

The people who possess knowledge of higher realities and have cosmic consciousness, respect all creatures, regardless of differences in their immediate ranks.

14. Time and Space

A stream flowed in a valley in between the mountains from north to south. The stream was wide and its water flowed at a fast speed.

There was also an echo and noise in the valley created by the flow of water.

Every day many trees broke from the ridges of the mountains fell down in the stream, and flowed with the water from north to south.

However; a big tree was standing firmly on the right shore of this stream. Every day this tree saw his broken fellow trees flowing from north to south but he himself stood independent and unharmed from the clutches of this stream.

Hints:

Stream	: This world.
Water flow	: The flow of time.
Width of stream	: Space.
North to south	: The time frame of an individual's life.
Flowing in the stream	: Being occupied in and by time and space.
Standing outside the stream	: To rise above this grip of time and space.

15. Mobile Phone

When a boy took up residence in a hostel, his parents purchased for him an I-Phone and a connection SIM. They also fixed pocket money for him to meet his food expenses as well as to keep the phone charged so he could contact them.

The boy however was careless. He used his phone for unnecessary purposes and never called his parents back. Due to those bad habits, he often had no credit on his phone.

One night he felt severe pain in his chest. He wanted to have immediate contact with his parents to inform them of his sudden illness. But due to having no balance in his phone, he was not permitted by the service provider to make this call.

He was in severe pain and there was deep loneliness in the room.

It was very dark outside and the market was also closed. He became helpless and in that very helplessness he departed from this world.

Hints:

IPhone	:	I am-ness, consciousness.
SIM	:	The individual potential that communicates with the higher reality.
Parents	:	Higher reality.
Hostel	:	This world.
Phone credit	:	The ability to connect with the higher reality.

16. Self-conceived World

There were underground rats' dwellings in a vacant plot of a housing society in a modern city. They were making their living underground and it was their complete world. They had sufficient insects and soil to eat in that underground world.

An elderly rat had educated the young rats that their underground rat world was the only world in the entire universe. Any desire and effort to find another world was just stupidity.

He had also advised the young rats to always move in horizontal directions only any vertical movement would be dangerous and harmful. In view of this situation and the elderly rat's advices, the rats were living a habitual happy life.

One-day Construction Company suddenly commenced excavation of the vacant plots. The very moment when first bucket of excavator hit the ground, the rats underground heard the blast and were immediately shocked and stunned. The rat world was being destroyed with each stroke of the excavator.

The rats were frightened and helpless. They ran toward their wise elders but the wise elders were just as frightened and helpless as the youngsters. Faced with this situation the rats came out of their holes and for the first time in their lives, ran upward in a vertical direction. They ran until they came out on the main road of the housing society.

Oh, how amazing! When the rats saw the spaciousness and light of the external world, they were astonished. They absolutely could not imagine the existence of houses and the pleasant environment and brightness of the external world having been for so long residents of the holes beneath the ground.

They were repenting that by acting upon the advice of the elders of the rat world; they had not moved vertically before and had remained deprived of this paradise world.

Hint:

Most people live in their self-conceived world and do not have the courage to come out of it. That becomes habitual to them and they also select their teachers from within the parameters of their self-conceived world. All that makes them unable to discover what is existing in the ultimate worlds lying above their habitual self-conceived world.

17. Bedaar Khan's Bicycle

Bedaar Khan's parents purchased a bicycle for him when he was still a child and was not able to ride very well. While riding, he often could not maintain balance and fell down on the ground.

By the passage of time, he grew up and started riding the bicycle well, maintaining his balance and confidently sitting on the seat. He became in full control of the bicycle and could ride it when and where he wished to do so.

One day, he lifted one of his hands from the handle bars. Some days later, he rode the bicycle with both of his hands lifted from the handlebars. Sometimes he peddled very fast and lifted both of his feet from the peddles as well as his hands from the handlebars and felt as if he could also travel independent of this bicycle.

Once, he told his friends, "*I wish that one day I will lift both my hands and feet from the bicycle and then get myself lifted in the air, leaving behind the bicycle.*"

His friends told him that this was not possible and if he tried that he would certainly fall and get injured.

Nevertheless, Bedaar Khan continued practicing this and fell down a number of times receiving injuries. These injuries, however only served to increase his passion.

One day on a pleasant morning, he left his house with his bicycle. He came on a straight track with greenery on both sides. He rode his bicycle peddling very fast. He lifted his hands from the handlebars and his feet from the peddles and moved himself up into the air closing his eyes.

At that very moment, an unseen power embraced him in the air. The bicycle ran into a ditch on the roadside while Bedaar Khan rose up in the air.

Hints:

Bedaar Khan	:	(Literal meaning "awakened") a spiritually awakened person.
Bicycle	:	Balance between the material and the spiritual realms.
Unseen power	:	The spiritual powers in the universe.

18. A Tailor Fox

Once, there lived a fox in a forest in the state of Farland. She had learned to work as a tailor. Whenever an animal died in the forest, she took off its skin, cut it to size, and stitched her clothes. The disguises she created through her tailoring work facilitated her entry into the parties and functions of various other animals. She was very proud of her skills in this regard.

Sometimes her conscience admonished her to not engage in those kinds of practices. It reminded her that she was a fox in her original nature, so there was no use impersonating other personalities.

The fox however did not pay attention to the voice of her conscience. She continued tailoring costumes with the skins of other animals and made it her business to deceive herself and others.

One day, it so happened that the fox got ill. Her illness became severe with the passage of time. While in sickness she remembered all those impersonations which were not part of her original personality. In this sickness she felt severe depression and deep loneliness.

She repented a lot remembering the fact that she had spent her whole life impersonating others and had never tried to find and improve her own true personality.

Hints:

True personality	:	The personality that should survive the biological death.
Impersonate things	:	To relate oneself with material and worldly ranks with such intensity that one's own true original self is forgotten.
Improve oneself	:	To realize one's potential to move individual consciousness toward the higher-self/cosmic consciousness.

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19. Mount-universe

There was a huge mountain situated to the north of the village Fardeen. It was named Mount Universe. When seen from a distant place it looked like a statue of a lion.

The people of Fardeen village over the ages recognized this mountain as a great person.

Once upon a time, some people from the village decided to travel closer to this mountain. After traveling for a few days, they had almost reached it. They realized that the mountain was not like they had thought when viewing it from a great distance. It was now observed by them to be not like a huge individual person.

They saw various kinds of forests on the mountain with all kinds of wildlife, including beasts, grazing animals and colorful birds. There were many springs sprouting from the mountain top and coming down in small channels, making streams run in curved shapes throughout the valleys.

There were the possibilities that many other kinds of creatures were living in the forests and that there were treasures hiding in the mountain not yet seen by the people of Fardeen village.

When they saw all this, the people of Fardeen village were seriously distressed about their previous weaker knowledge of this mountain, which had been based mostly on hearsay.

When they returned to their village and looked back toward Mount Universe, they saw it again like an individual huge person. The view of Mount Universe like an individual being and then witnessing the plurality of life and possibilities within the mountain was new knowledge for the people of Fardeen village.

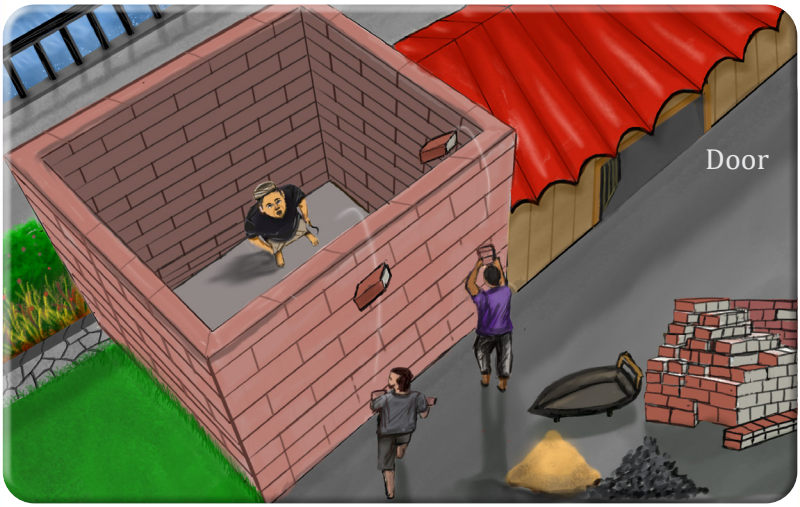
They started contemplating this issue and decided that they would continue discovering the possibilities contained in Mount Universe and the relationship of these multifarious possibilities with the individuality of mountain.

Hint:

This universe is from one aspect an individual being, while from another aspect it is plural. The knowledge and vision of this universe in respect of it being both individual and plural is a matter of great wisdom.

20. Door

A mason started construction of a room for his living. He graded the land, built foundations, and started raising four walls.



He continued laying bricks on the walls till the time the height of the walls rose above his head. While raising of the walls, he himself remained standing inside the four walls.

He ordered the workers outside of the walls to pass through more bricks to him, inside, so that he could further raise those walls.

The walls were being raised so high that at a certain point of time during the construction work, the working relationship between the inside and outside of the walls became totally disconnected.

This mason was so inclined toward living apart from others that he did not leave a door space in this room so that no one could reach and disturb him. Eventually, he became imprisoned within these walls constructed by him for his self.

Hint:

Those who do not like to keep a door in their mental, psychological, intellectual, and esoteric life for ideas alien to them eventually become prisoners of their own unique thoughts and ideas and are soon left helpless.

21. Street Light

There was a streetlight installed by the sidewalk of a busy road. At night, the area around was very well illuminated by its light.

Various people and vehicles passed by this streetlight during the night. The passersby included cars, motorcycles, rickshaws, pedestrians, males, females, children, the rich and the poor. In short, people from all walks of life benefitted equally from the light.

The streetlight continued illuminating its surroundings in all kinds of weather. The light was absolutely unconcerned with any discriminatory view about the class or creed of the people benefitting from its illuminated nature.

Hint:

If you are really enlightened, then your light shall remain available for all the beings created by the Creator.

22. A Sweet Shop

A young boy got a job at a sweet shop. The shop sold sweets and halvah. A great number of customers were always present in that shop.

One day this young boy was standing beside a large steel pan full of milk. His senior colleague was moving a big spatula in the boiling milk so that it did not stick to the surface of the steel pan. The milk was being boiled to condense it for making various kinds of sweets.

The young boy suddenly asked his senior colleague, *"Sir, how shall we prepare sweets if cows stop giving milk?"*

The senior colleague listened to the young boy and replied angrily *"Giving milk is cows' work and that is none of your business. You are employed to learn and make sweets. Just pay attention to your own work."*

Hint:

Instead of having doubts and fears about the treasures and resources gifted by the nature, one should pay attention to his own goals and complete his part of the work.

23. A Beverage House

A beverage company brought to market a drink that was at the same time presented in three different types of packaging.

The first was made of hard cardboard, the second of glass, and the third of tin. All these three types of packing were different in form from one another. Similarly, their market price was also different from one another.

A customer purchased this drink in all of the three types of packaging one after the other. He also paid three different kinds of prices, from the lower to the higher, but he could not feel any change in the taste with the change of the packing.

He was very upset that he had taken this drink in three kinds of packing and paid money for each one, but that had been useless as there was no difference in the taste of the drinks presented in the various types of packing.

He was disappointed of the fact that all the drinks tasted the same while the external packing was extremely deceptive for the customers.

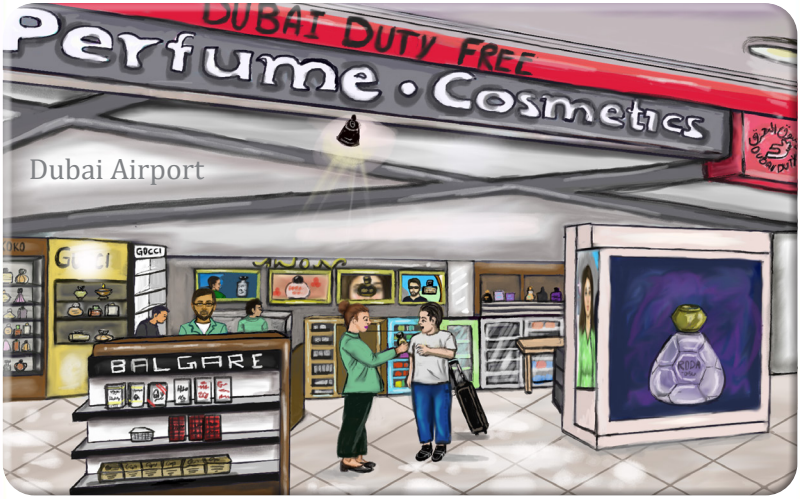
Hints:

Cardboard packing	:	General public.
Glass packing	:	So-called spiritual figures.
Tin Packing	:	So-called people of knowledge.
Drink	:	Moral traits that do not change with with a mere change in outward appearance.

24. Dubai Airport

A passenger entered a shop at Dubai Airport to purchase perfume.

A salesgirl showed him various brands of perfumes, and he smelled several, one after the other. However, from continuously smelling perfumes, he lost his sense of smell and could not distinguish between the scents anymore.



The salesgirl noticed what had happened and gave him a pot full of coffee beans advising him to smell it.

He was not pleased to smell the coffee beans as they had a very strong bitter odor. However, after smelling them, his sense of smelling perfumes returned, and he started smelling them again and distinguishing between the different scents.

The salesgirl adopted this procedure of making him smell coffee beans after smelling a few perfumes, until eventually, he was able to select the perfume of his choice.

The passenger purchased a perfume and took his flight back home from this transit airport.

Hints:

Dubai Airport : This world where we are in transit.

Perfume : Benefits.

Coffee beans : The hardships that once again make us pay attention to the benefits we have in this life.

To take flight: To travel to the hereafter.

25. Jackalpore

There was an area in a forest where jackals had established a colony for their jackal nation. They had named it Jackalpore. The chief of the jackals had established this separate colony so that jackals could live with their own culture and not forget their rituals and other social practices. That was a measure to strengthen and develop the jackal culture in this world.

A layer of clay similar to jackal skin, was laid in jackals' abodes all over the colony. In front of each abode, the statutes of jackals were erected so that any jackal entering and exiting from his abode would recall his "jackalness".

The chief of the jackals ordered the jackals to go to the forest and find the skeletons of their forefathers. These skeletons were then placed on the walls and roofs of Jackalpore.

Like this, the jackals in this colony were living a life completely merged in “jackal hood”. They were born as jackals, grew up as jackals, got older as jackals, and then died as jackals. They never came out of jackalhood in their entire life and were proud of this way of living.

Once a young jackal who desired to see the outside world ran out from Jackalpore and arrived in the center of the forest. The chief of the jackals was very angry about this incident and ordered that this young jackal should be caught and punished. He deployed jackal police to go to the center of the forest to arrest this rebel.

When the young jackal heard about this, he became more conscious and took the necessary measures to protect himself. He could not even imagine returning to Jackalpore after having enjoyed the free environment of the forest. He approached the lion king of the forest and explained his story about the darkness of Jackalpore, his running away from that darkness, and the fact that he was being chased by jackal police who intended to arrest him.

He prayed for asylum, and the lion king allowed him to temporarily stay in a lion cave. When the jackal police heard that the rebel had been given asylum in one of the lion’s caves, they returned to Jackalpore without taking any action and reported this issue to the chief jackal. The chief was enraged by the news. He ordered to send a corps of forty jackal soldiers to go to the center of the forest to wage a war against the lions and arrest this young rebel jackal.

When the lions heard the news about the jackal soldiers coming to the forest to fight with them, they laughed and started waiting for the jackals to come. When the jackal soldiers came near their caves, a group of lions roared loudly and immediately attacked the jackals. The forest became full of the noise made by the lions roaring and the jackals crying. The lions killed many of the jackals in this war. The others ran back to Jackalpore injured and defeated.

The animals in the forest had various kinds of disinformation related to this war. Nobody knew what had really caused it. In order to tackle those rumors, the lion king decided to call a meeting of all the animals of the forest.

On the appointed day various animals gathered in the center of the forest. The residents of Jackalpore were also present at the meeting. The lion king stood up on a large stone and explained the illegal establishment of Jackalpore, its ban on freedom and enlightenment, and its unnecessary imposition of a dark culture on its youngsters. The lion also explained the background of the war between the lions and jackals. The animals listened carefully to the lion king during the speech.

At the end of his speech, the lion king issued a declaration to be strictly followed in the forest.

1. No nation of animals shall hereafter be allowed to restrict its nationals to any fixed cultural values that block the further growth of understanding and knowledge.

2. All the residents of this forest shall have the right to live their lives in accordance with the basic principles of nature.

3. The pleasant environment of the forest, its spaciousness and opportunities shall be made available to all nations of animals.

After listening to the declaration, all the animals clapped and shouted happily. It was like a celebration in the forest. It was not long after this meeting and the declaration of the lion king that Jackalpore was deserted and left empty. All the jackals left Jackalpore and moved to the free and open forest.

Hints:

Jackalpore	:	Self-conceived beliefs, backwardness, short-sightedness, sectarianism, ethnic prejudices.
The free forest	:	A life of higher meaning and cosmic consciousness / opportunity to realize one's potential up to the required level.

26. Elevator

A man entered a hundred-story skyscraper, which housed the headquarters of world's renowned companies.

The man entered an elevator from the lobby and started pressing various buttons. The elevator started moving upward and downward as the man had not really decided his destination in this skyscraper.

Whenever the elevator stopped on a floor and its door opened, there was an entrance to one of the offices. The man looked at the office from inside the lift and immediately pressed another button.

Thus, he went to many floors but did not enter any office. He kept on moving up and down like a stranger.

After a while the security staff of that building noticed that someone was going up and down in the lift without any purpose. They caught him and sent him out of the building.

The man had obviously lost a potential opportunity for gaining an understanding and establishing his recognition in this skyscraper.

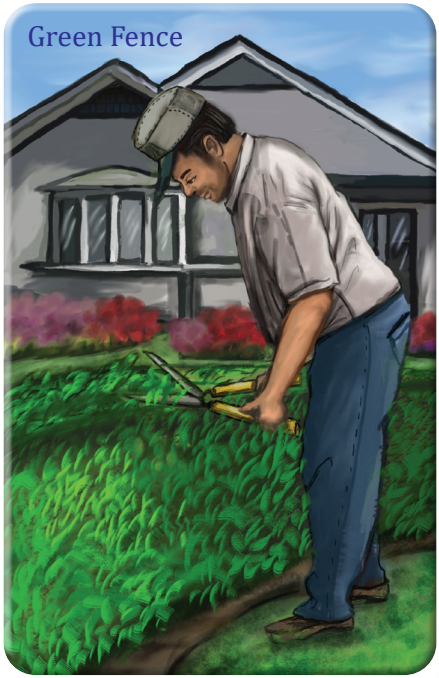
Hint:

People generally behave in a similar way in relation to their intellectual and mystical knowledge. They just go up and down without gaining a deep understanding.

27. Green Fence

There was a beautiful garden in the center of a city. The garden had green grassy plots, flower beds, high trees, and fruit trees. This garden was apportioned into different sections with the help of well-maintained green fences.

Once there arose a requirement for the further plantation of a green fence. For this purpose, a number of tiny plants were purchased from a nursery and planted in a row in an already prepared bed, cutting a grassy plot into two portions. These plants were fed with fertilizer and fresh water. Soon, these tiny plants grew up to make a dense green fence.



These plants were really happy upon their departure from the nursery and arrival in this garden where they were given sufficient food to eat.

When these plants grew further up crossing the required length and breadth of the green fence, a gardener took scissors and cut down the over grown parts of these plants.

The plants loudly cried upon being cut by the gardener. However, they could do nothing as their feet were grounded in the soil.

Thereafter, the gardener continued this trimming work every week. By the passage of time, the plants became acquainted with this cutting, and it was no longer a painful event for them.

Once, the gardener got sick, and he did not turn up in the garden for a few weeks. The plants in those days started feeling anxiety and were anxious to be cut by the gardener. They were willingly waiting for the gardener to come and cut their growing hands and feet so that they would be comforted.

There was an old high tree standing in one corner, keeping a close eye upon the entire business of the garden. He was very upset about the attitude of the plants, who had accepted their unfair treatment by the forces exploiting their interests and growth.

However, nothing could be done to reverse the mindset of these plants as they had synchronized themselves to the exploitation exercised upon them.

Hint:

If a person is constantly suppressed by a physical, psychological, or intellectual force, he starts considering that situation as being normal for him.

28. Farmer and Calf

A farmer had a cow that gave birth to a calf. He separated this calf from his cow mother and kept the calf growing with only a limited quantity of milk.

The farmer wanted to have the maximum amount of milk for his own family. Although the calf suffered, he was not conscious enough to realize that he was being deprived of his natural right to have enough milk. The calf ignored all this and continued jumping around as if nothing unusual had happened.

When, after a few months, the calf grew up, the farmer totally separated him from the cow. Although the calf was still at the age of drinking milk, from now on he had to eat grass. The calf still did not understand what was happening to him and continued jumping around as usual.

When the calf further grew up to be a young animal, the farmer decided to sell him to a butcher to earn money. When the butcher arrived to take him to the butchery, the calf resisted a little to go with a stranger but soon agreed to move. The calf was again unconscious of the situation and kept on jumping around.

The butcher tied him in a stable for his turn to be taken to the butchery. The calf was still unconscious of the situation and kept on jumping around.

Soon the day came when the butcher untied this calf from the stable and took him to the butchery.

Hints:

Calf and jumping around without any purpose	:	Life of the lower plane.
Un-consciousness	:	No sense of life of higher planes that demands knowledge and freedom from the grips of the life of lower plane.
Butchery	:	The end of duration of opportunity to realize one's potential in the world.

29. Chief of Clouds

A group of clouds was heading toward a city. Its frightfulness resulted in darkness across the city. The chief of the clouds ordered the clouds to pour rain. All of a sudden, it was raining cats and dogs.

The rain washed away dirt from the houses and trees of the city.

The chief of the clouds was watching all this from the sky through a telescope. He saw a lot of garbage on the roads and streets of the city.

He ordered the clouds to pour more water so that the garbage on the roads and streets would flow away with the water. The clouds did their best to rain heavily, but the heaps of garbage did not move from their places.

Looking at this situation, the chief of the clouds wrote a letter to the chief of the local river complaining that the uncivilized and undisciplined living of the residents had resulted in the dumping of heaps of garbage on the roads and streets of the city.

He stated that rain can wash walls, roofs, and trees but is unable to remove these heaps of garbage. The chief of the clouds requested the chief of the river to please send a high degree flood toward the city to clean the garbage from the roads and streets.

The chief of the river ordered the river to send a flood toward the city.

The floodwater rushed toward the city. However, it did not distinguish between the garbage and the residents.

Hint:

The city of the body and soul is similar to the above city, any persistent negligence results in severe destruction.

30. Simple Cow

A person said to a cow, *"What a simpleton you are. Just a cow without any extra emotions, dull and easy-going, anyone can drive you wherever he wants."*

The cow heard all this and said, *"You have just viewed me from an external appearance. Do you not see that I eat grass, but pure and neat milk is taken out from my teats? It is this milk that provides human generations with the necessary nutrients to grow up."*

Listening to this, the person who had considered the cow as an inferior creature became silent.

The cow spoke again, "*It is not only me who is endowed with a humble nature; every great artist who has a rank in the row of understanding the higher reality is simple and humble in his external appearance."*

Hint:

A Gnostic who peeps into the sacred secrets of the universe is not permitted to have a cunning attitude toward his fellow beings.

31. The Head of the Earth

A man put his foot on the grass and said, *"Your station is under my foot."*

The grass replied, *"Not at all, my station is upon the beautiful head of the earth. Your foot upon me is only a temporary trouble that shall pass away very soon."*

"Insofar as I am connected with the earth and blessed by the sky, these temporary troubles do not have any impact on me."

Hints:

Head of earth and blessing from sky	:	Relation with divinity.
Foot	:	Temporary worldly troubles.

32. Wild Goat

A wild goat had her horns twisted then projected straight ahead like long chisels. The horns grew so long that they were a sign of arrogance to any other goat coming across this wild goat.

Since these horns had grown larger and sharper at a slow speed, the wild goat herself was not aware of her horns being so ugly and arrogant looking.

Whenever this wild goat met another fellow goat, the horns hit the face of the fellow goat, making her feel really bad. As a result, all of her fellow goats escaped from the company of this wild goat.

A friend goat advised her, *"Your unnecessary projected sharp horns have separated you from your fellow goats. You have to get rid of these horns at any cost."*

When the wild goat felt that her relations with her fellow goats had been destroyed, and she was now almost alone, she realized that there was no option left but to get rid of these horns.

One day, she went into the middle of the forest and stood in front of a duoberry tree. This tree had two trunks growing straight up with a small gap between them. She entangled her horns in between these two trunks and gave a strong sudden jerk of her head. She heard a strong cracking sound. The horns broke apart on one side and the goat fell on the other side. The jerk was so strong that even the trunks of the berry tree fell down on the ground.

The goat became unconscious for some time then stood up. She felt herself very comfortable without those straight projected sharp horns. She could now meet her fellow goats without any distance and trouble.

It was not a very long time after getting rid of the horns that she revived the company of all her previous friends as well as making many new friends.

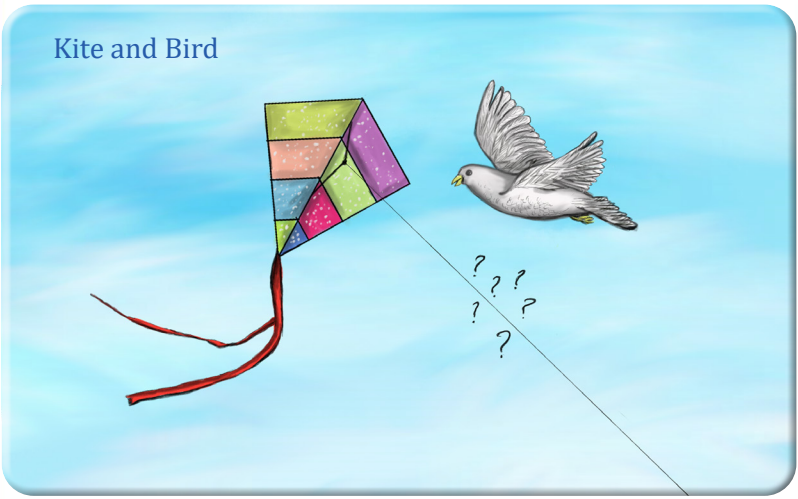
Hints:

Horns projecting	:	Ego, the unevenly straight grown ahead personality.
The Duoberry tree	:	Duplicity/ two-facedness.
Getting rid of horns	:	To liberate oneself from the clutches of the lower ego.

33. Kite and Bird

A kite was flying in the high sky. In that space, she met a bird. The kite and the bird were smart and beautiful. They became friends.

One day the bird saw a length of thread in the air. Looking further, he saw that the kite was tied with that thread.



The bird asked the kite about this thread. The kite replied, *"This is the thread with which I am tied, and my flight controlled from the ground beneath."*

The bird was astonished to hear this story from the kite. The bird said, *"If you are tied with a thread and controlled from the ground below, you cannot be a true friend of mine.*

"I am a free bird, a liberated soul, flying independently in the vastness of the skies. While you are a tied and compelled bird controlled by a thread. "

In the meantime, someone from the ground below pulled the thread and the kite was suddenly dragged down. Seeing this, the bird took flight and rose further up in the skies.

Hints:

Bird	:	A liberated soul.
Kite	:	A man yet to be liberated.
Tied with a thread	:	Dominated by the body instincts and lower ego.
Controlled from Earth	:	A life without any higher meaning that denies sacrificing the individual consciousness in favor of the higher cosmic consciousness.

34. Royal Spice Mix

A royal chef during his annual vacation came back to his parents and relatives in a village located in a remote location far from the city.

He also took a pack of the royal spice mix with him. On the way back to his village he was thinking that he would prepare some recipes using this royal spice mix and his friends and relatives would be surprised at its taste.

A few days after reaching his village, he invited his friends and relatives from the village to enjoy the food prepared with the royal spice mix. He served this food to his friends and relatives on beautiful platters.

Contrary to what he had thought, he was disappointed to note that some of his friends and relatives had simply rejected this taste.

Some kept quiet, while some others said that their normal village food prepared with simple salt and pepper was even better in taste than the royal spice mix he had brought from the palace.

In fact, the people in this village did not have the taste buds required to sense the taste and fragrance of this royal spice mix.

Hint:

A person is required to develop subtle inner senses; otherwise, he would deny the higher realities of life and lead his whole life with the ordinarily available senses only.

35. Pizza

A mother was fond of cooking for her children but did not really adhere to the principles of hygiene. She often left cooking pans and food items uncovered on the kitchen shelves exposed to various germs.

One day she planned to prepare a pizza for her children. At night she prepared vegetables and chicken chunks and left this material uncovered on the kitchen top.

A lizard made her way into the chicken chunks at night. The next morning, the mother spread the same chicken chunks on the pizza base. She did not even bother to wash the chicken. Soon the pizza was ready looking brilliant and colorful; however, it was poisonous in its basic composition.

The children were waiting at the dining table. She served the pizza on the table, and all of them took it with great excitement. It was not very long after eating the pizza slices that the whole family started vomiting.

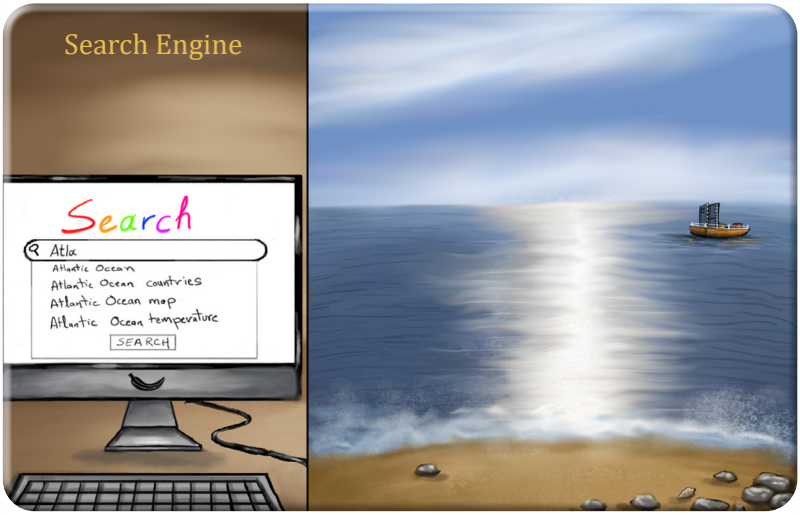
The mother cried to their neighbors for help. The neighbors rushed them to a nearby hospital emergency. The doctors finally succeeded in saving their lives after a great deal of struggle to wash the poison out of their stomachs.

Hint:

The effects of the bad deeds of predecessors do not only target themselves but also affect their successors.

36. Search Engine

A student opened a search engine to find out about the Pacific Ocean. He first typed "P." Upon typing "P", the search target was so wide that he did not find anything close to the Pacific Ocean.



He then typed "a". He was still nowhere near his target. He then typed "c", followed by "i", and then "f". Suddenly the "Pacific" appeared on the screen. He then dragged down the cursor to reach the Pacific Ocean.

He opened a site about the Pacific Ocean and found a lot of important information about this ocean. However, this was just theoretical information related to the Pacific Ocean gathered by surfing on the web. The actual witnessing of the ocean and entering into its real depths was another work over and above that theoretical information.

There was still a journey to be in the company of the waters and waves of this Pacific Ocean and to find the treasures hidden deep beneath its surface.

It still required a practical effort to be made to actually surf on this ocean in addition to the information and knowledge gained from surfing on the web.

Hint:
The knowledge with respect to the higher realities of life remains only a piece of unrealized information unless and until someone dives deep into the ocean of reality to attain the real knowledge and incorporate it into his soul.

37. Blackish Eggs

A hen had hidden herself from the house owner and was laying eggs every day in a cotton sack full of coals.

The house lady was in search of her hen to find out where she had been laying eggs for so many days.

After a few days, the house lady found around one dozen eggs in a sack of coals in the backyard of her house. Due to having remained in the coal sack, the white eggs were almost colored black.

Later on, the house lady put the same black-colored eggs under a hen for hatching. The house lady had a recurring thought that because the eggs were black, the chicks might also come out black after hatching. The lady was worried as well as anxious.

After an appointed period of time, the eggs hatched and beautiful colorful chicks came out of the eggshells. The house lady was very happy upon seeing those colorful chicks. The accidental external color of the eggs had not had any impact on the essence of the chicks.

Hint:

The challenges in life do not have a bad impact on the beauty of the essence of a person. Rather, they contribute to his glorification in this life and in the hereafter.

38. Slide

On a weekend a man took his children to a nearby park. He sat down on a bench in a grassy lawn while his children started playing in the play area.

After a while he looked at a slide where his children were playing. He saw that children were climbing up the slide from one side and then sliding down to the other side. The children were doing this exercise time and again.

The man's thoughts then turned to his daily life. He thought that just like the children on the slide he was going to his office and coming back every day and repeating this exercise over decades.

He was overwhelmed by this sudden thought that he had spent his whole life in the same routine without discovering any of the higher meanings of life.

He looked again toward the playground. He saw that it had a variety of equipment painted in so many colors and swinging in so many ways. He was ashamed to realize that even the children playing in the playground had qualitative variation in their play, but he had spent his life in a fixed purposeless routine.

Hint:

Slide : Routine, living in negation of a life of higher purposes. To live a life on a lower Plane without realizing one's true potential.

39. Foot Ball

A group of aliens came close to the earth in an unidentified flying object. From a certain distance from space, they noticed a football ground where a match was in progress.

The aliens hesitated to land on the earth and started watching this football match from above in the air.

Since there was nothing like the game of football on the planet they came from, the aliens thought that a number of people were fighting for a round-shaped object.

Suddenly, the ball went into the goal. The aliens thought that the struggle was now over, but the ball was again brought back to the field, and the game started once again.

The aliens brought their spaceship closer to the ground and then took a sudden flight up again after lifting a player from this football ground.

They had captured a player because they wanted to inquire about this strange struggle of running after a round-shaped object. They asked the player, *"Why are you people fighting for this round ball. What is the real purpose of this struggle?"*

The player told the aliens that the real purpose of the struggle was to put the ball between the goalposts. Once the ball goes into the goal, the players bring it back to the center of the ground and the competition starts again. The same work continues until the fixed duration of the competition is over.

The aliens were surprised to hear this. It was strange for them to know that the people on earth were busy in a very futile exercise of counting theoretical goals without any real purpose.

Hints:

Football ground	:	This world.
Player	:	The people.
Playing football	:	The struggle for material gains.
Scoring goal	:	Counting temporary material gains.

40. Wild Cow

A villager's cow did not come back home in the evening from the nearby meadow. While grazing she had gone into the forest and lost her way back home.

That domestic cow had to stay for the first time in her life for a whole night in the dense forest. The next morning, she met a wild cow. The wild cow noticed straight away that the domestic cow was tired and frightened.

The wild cow inquired, *"Why are you so disturbed?"* The domestic cow replied, *"I have lost my way home, and my master would have been waiting for me."*

The wild cow was astonished to hear this. She said, *"Which home? Who is your master? We, wild cows, do not know any homes and masters. We wander freely in the forest as we wish."*

The wild cow then noticed that there was a collar around the neck of the domestic cow. She inquired, *"What is this?"*

The domestic cow replied, *"My master ties a rope to this collar, keeping me tied with a peg to limit my movement."*

The wild cow asked, *"When your master is so cruel, why do you desire to go back to him?"*

The domestic cow answered, *"He feeds me and takes my milk."*

The wild cow said, *"The forest is full of grass, what is the meaning of your dependence on your master for feeding and why should he take your milk? This is the right of your own calf. "*

The domestic cow responded, *"He has separated my calf from me so that I do not give him my breast. Instead, my owner takes the milk to feed his own children."* The wild cow was surprised to hear all this.

After a while, the domestic cow asked the wild cow if she could guide her to find a way out of this forest and back to her master's home. The wild cow was angry this time and said, *"I do not want to see a cow like you anymore, who suffers from suppression and slavery, and yet is silent and eager to live in that suppression and slavery."*

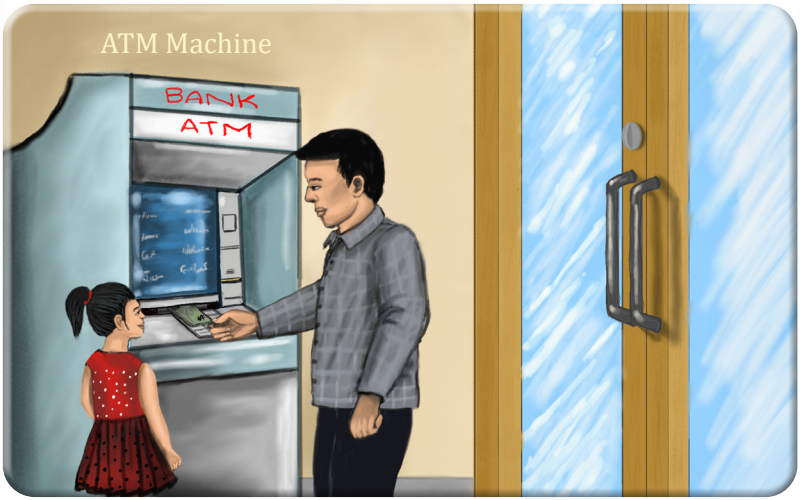
Hint:

A slave-minded person bereft of free will and improved consciousness starts accepting his slavery as if it is a real attribute of his personality.

41. ATM Machine

A man entered an ATM booth. His younger daughter also accompanied him. The girl was interested to see the ATM and the process of taking money out of the machine.

As soon as the man pushed his card in the machine, followed by entering his PIN and other information, the required currency came out of the machine with a striking sound of the rollers.



When the girl saw this process of currency notes coming out of the machine so easily, she asked her father, *"Why do you not often allow me to buy toys, when it is so easy for you to take money from the ATM?"*

The girl was not yet of a mature age. She could not understand the logic behind the operation of the ATM.

She did not know that her father had to go through many hard steps in his daily life to be able to draw his share of money from the ATM.

Hint:

The life resources that come in to a person's hands run through a number of processes. However, some people do not observe and value this mechanism due to their short-sightedness and un-awakened nature.

42. Sweet Gourd and Bitter Gourd

In a farmer's field, both sweet gourd and bitter gourd vines were growing side by side.

Their leaves and sprouts were intertwining each other like two girls jumping around, each giving one hand in the other's hand.

After some time both the sweet and the bitter gourd vines became mature, and it was time for them to bear gourds.

The sweet gourd vine had grown sweet gourds, while the bitter gourd vine had grown bitter gourds.

When the sweet gourd saw that her friend had grown bitter gourds, she started living apart from her. The love and friendship of childhood between these two vines started to get cold.

It was not very long that they became separated from each other due to the differences in the natures of the sweet and the bitter gourds.

Hint:

It is a part of the reality of this world that people grow with their hereditary nature. These differences of nature and nature-based qualities, if not taken care of through proper education and training, deepen with the passage of time.

43. Cave

Dooristan village was situated in a valley beside a high mountain. When standing in one corner of this village, one had to move his neck straight up toward the sky to see the peak of this mountain.

The people in the village knew that on the peak of this high mountain there was a cave where a friend of God had been living since old times. In the past, a number of villagers from Dooristan had tried to hike up the mountain to discover the cave and meet with the friend of God, but very few of them had been reported to have succeeded.

A young man in this village, Baidar Khan, had heard stories about this cave from the village elders. He was full of zeal and passion to climb this mountain to enter the cave at the top and meet this friend of God to quench his longstanding spiritual thirst.

His family members opposed his plan to go on this adventure, but he had made a firm decision.

One day, early in the morning, he set out on this journey. The track was difficult, and he had to suffer from loneliness. He was not an expert in hiking and had not taken any professional training; however, his passion made this difficult hike easy for him.

The journey to the cave continued for many days and nights. On the way he was tired and many times injured, but he continued hiking the mountain. On the route, he was confronted by high winds, thunderstorms, and wild animals, but none of these catastrophes stopped him from traveling ahead.

After so many days he reached a destination on the mountain peak from where he could actually see the cave. He was content and knew that there was no more than a day journey left before he would reach the entrance of the cave and meet the elevated friend of God, thus fulfilling his long-standing spiritual desire.

His face was covered with dust, his clothes torn in various places. His hands and feet had been injured by striking thorns and rocks. The journey had made his hair dull and dirty, and his beard and moustache had grown longer. Nevertheless, his heart was enlightened, and the passion to meet a friend of God was giving him light like a lamp.

He was continuously heading toward the cave. When he came closer to its entrance, his eyes were glowing like an electric bulb and his heart was beating at an abnormal speed.

At that very moment, when he was at the peak of the mountain, as well as at the peak of his passion and love, he lost his immediate consciousness and moved toward another level of consciousness. He felt that the cave was not located outside him on the peak of the mountain but rather inside him in his heart.

He suddenly slipped and fell from the mountain track. Falling down, he struck a group of trees that helped him stop falling further. With this sudden fall and injury, a divine light appeared within his heart.

When he became stable after that fall, he realized that the cave that he was struggling to find in the outside world actually existed within his own heart. He rejoiced. His heart fully visited the cave and the friend of God existing in this cave.

Fully enlightened with this light, he set out toward his village where people were anxiously waiting to embrace him.

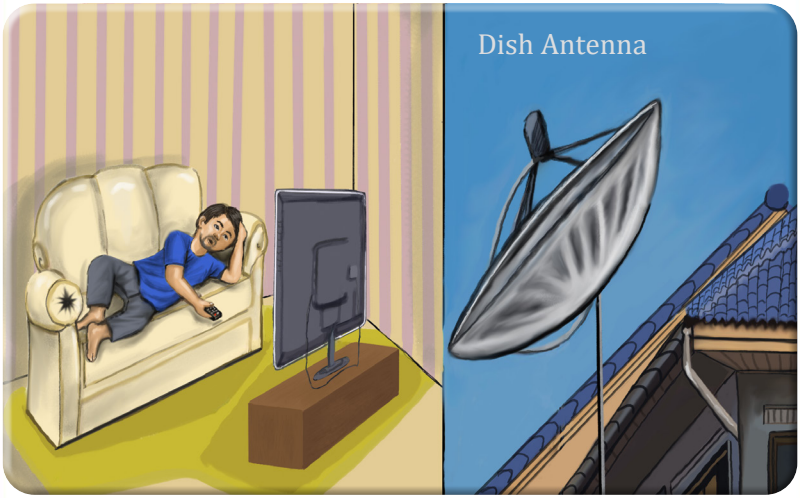
Hint:

A sincere traveler who struggles in search of light, one day comes across the light and avails an opportunity to incorporate it within his soul.

44. Dish Antenna

A Youngman purchased a satellite dish and installed it on the rooftop of his house. From this purchase and installation, he had an aim to watch all the satellite channels on his TV set.

While on his bed at night he took the TV remote control in his hand and started changing the channels up and down. He continued changing channels for many hours.



He did not focus very well on any particular channel. During the course of flipping through various channels, he started dozing and suddenly slept. Due to his lack of ability to select and concentrate, he could not take any benefit from the hundreds of channels made available to him by the satellite in space.

Hint:

Focus and selection is an important factor in the attainment of knowledge of realities.

45. A Building

A builder constructed a beautiful and heavily reinforced building.

He used lots of steel and cement in the construction of this building. The foundations, columns, beams and roof slabs were constructed with rich concrete.

A man from a remote city purchased this house and started living in it with his wife and children. They were living in that building, cooking, eating, laughing and singing. Thus, they were fully enjoying that house.

One day, a column of this building exchanged his views with a beam above his head, stating, *"Madam Beam, you see how steadfastly we bear the load of this building so that this structure does not collapse?"*

The beam replied, saying, *"Yes, the family living in this house is quite ignorant of that fact. They do not recall at all what we are doing for them. It seems that they have forgotten the builder of this building as well as those who are sustaining the load of this structure so that the residents can lead a happy life."*

Hint:

Mankind living in this world must contemplate this universe and express gratitude to the Lord who has created this universe.

46. Fast Food

A fast-food chain opened an outlet in a city center. It decorated this shop by painting it in shining red and yellow colors. Those colors were meant to play a psychological role in attracting customers and increasing their appetite.

In particular youngsters were more motivated to get this food. They were coming in flocks to enjoy this apparently attractive food.

Some mature citizens including those from the medical profession were criticizing the food. They were of the opinion that regardless of the attraction and eye-catching colors, this food was not good for health due to its ingredients and cooking process.

They thought that if the habit of taking fast food continued for a longer period of time, the city's population would soon be afflicted with various ailments.

The residents of the city were divided into two groups. The first group considered that this attractive and colorful fast food was part of the realities of life, and they became habitual consumers of it. The second group, however, was aware and knew the future consequences of eating such food.

The contemplation and consciousness of the wise people revealed to them the devastation behind this temporal attraction and colorfulness.

Hint:

Just because something is apparently colorful, attractive, and popular with the masses does not necessarily mean that it passes the test of the standard principles of reality. The seeking of truth presupposes a great deal of struggle to unveil reality by removing the veils of colors and attraction from one's perceptions and yet-to-develop consciousness.

47. A Bird and Office Worker

Aslam woke up in hurry. He entered the washroom to take a bath and change his clothes. His wife was preparing breakfast for him. He quickly took a piece of toast and a couple of swigs from his cup of tea before running outside. His wife called him *"Why don't you have a proper breakfast?"*

He replied, *"It is getting late, I might miss the bus to my office."*

Under those circumstances, he rushed to the office in the morning. There were a number of issues waiting for him during office hours. In particular, he was sick of the behavior of his bosses. He worked in the office the whole day and returned home in the late evening.

Back at home, he took his dinner and very soon it was time to go to bed. While lying in bed, he realized that his daily routine was killing him.

He was not fresh at all when he woke up the next morning. Despite sleeping at night, he could not manage to do away with his tiredness from the routine of the day before. He went into the front yard of his house. It was a pleasant morning after it had rained the last night.

In the meantime, a sparrow took flight and sat on a branch of a nearby guava tree. She then took another soft flight and landed near a flower bed. The tiny sparrow made a dip in the rainwater beside the flower bed, jerked her wings with excitement and flew up again onto the branch of a nearby tree.

Aslam felt a kind of deep calmness in the movement of the sparrow as if she was moving without a fast movement of time. He came closer to the sparrow and said, *"I am observing that you are very content, no hustle and bustle."* The sparrow replied, *"What do you mean by hustle and bustle?"*

Aslam answered, *"I work in an office and go through an extremely busy and difficult routine from morning till late at night. It is so surprising to me that you, a tiny bird, are so independent and free while I, an office worker, am so busy and occupied."*

The sparrow said, *"You human beings must have made a mistake. We bird often think about your miserable condition but cannot do anything to take you out of that materialistic prison."*

Hint: A light, free, and independent life is the best way to help a person to enjoy his life in this world and develop his soul for the ultimate success.

48. Royal Garden and a Cow

A wandering cow entered a royal garden. She moved toward the flowerbeds, ruining the flowers. She swallowed leaves and the branches of the trees that got in her way in her mouth. She abruptly ran onto green lawns and crushed their beauty beneath her feet.

Royal Garden and a Cow

The cow headed toward precious fountains and surrounding fancy water ponds breaking apart fountain heads and crushing them with her fleshy body.

When the royal guards were informed, they rushed toward her. She was soon caught and tied up. The garden had received lots of damage. The incident was reported to the king who was very angry about it.

Hint:

The body, soul and this earth are the gardens of the king. We should live in these gardens in the most civilized manner possible. If one does not abide by the rules of living in any of these gardens, the royal guards shall soon take this person under arrest and decree him out of the garden.

49. Latch

A man was sleeping in a room having closed and latched the door from inside. His friends continued knocking on his door for a long period of time but as he was in a deep sleep, he did not open the door.

His friends also tried to open the door by pushing it with force to make him wake up. That was also not possible because the door was strong and latched from inside. They waited for some time and left the place after getting tired. He remained sleeping inside alone.

Hint:

Some people desire to be made aware of new knowledge but that becomes impossible if they internally close the door that blocks their mental and spiritual faculties. Unless that person internally decides to change his mental and spiritual attitude, no one can help him out of that darkness.

50. Deenu and his Donkey

In a certain village there lived a person named Deenu. He had a donkey and used to take great care of him.

One day, the donkey got sick. Since Deenu loved his donkey very much, the illness made him feel worried.

Deenu told his wife, that although he tried his best to set himself free from this worriedness, his mind did not obey him. His wife told him that this work of dominating one's mind requires a great amount of effort. Only a few people in the world recognize this dilemma and succeed in this effort.

Deenu soon started feeling that he was actually three, the donkey, the worried mind and Deenu himself. Deenu was separate from his donkey and his mind. He was standing in negotiation with his mind to dominate it.

After some time, the donkey died. With the death of the donkey, the mind that was overcome by worrying about the donkey also died. Only Deenu survived, but he carried with him the prints of the worried mind.

Hints:

Donkey	:	The human body whereupon the soul rides.
Mind	:	The consciousness that relates to the body or bodily world unless qualitatively directed to the higher-self.
Deenu	:	The ultimate surviving soul.

51. A Crow and Sparrow's Eggs

A king in a certain forest issued an order that all the birds shall, according to their capabilities, deposit some quantity of foodstuff in the central depository so that the weak and sick birds could be helped out with this food in emergency situations.

The king came to his throne on the appointed day together with his courtiers.

The birds of the forest came into the king's court one by one and deposited their charities. Some brought pieces of bread, some came with grains, and others brought other foodstuffs.

There was a crow living in that forest. When he heard this order from the king, he went into the nest of an innocent sparrow, stole her eggs, and presented them at the court.

A courtier noticed the crow's cruel act and reported it to the king. The king whispered something in the ear of the courtier. The courtier informed the crow that the king had summoned him again in the evening.

When the crow returned in the evening, an eagle appointed by the king suddenly took the head of the crow in his sharp claws.

The king of the forest had taken strict action against the crow's heinous act of placing stolen foodstuff in the royal depository. He therefore punished the crow.

Hint:

Charity benefits the giver only when it comes from legally earned assets.

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52. The Old Women's Cottage

A traveler lost his way in a jungle. He walked on different tracks to get out of the jungle till night fell and it became dark.

Suddenly, he saw a light reflecting at a certain distance from himself. He started walking toward the light and eventually approached a cottage where he saw a fire burning in a small clay lamp outside the house.

This cottage belonged to an old woman who was living alone in the jungle. Finding this cottage in a remote forest brought a great hope of life to the lost traveler. The old woman served him with water and food and provided a place to stay for the night.

On the next morning when this traveler was leaving the cottage to head toward his home, he said to the old lady, *"How pious you are that you guide the people who have lost their way in the forest toward their homes. I should also stay in this forest and do the same work."*

When the old lady heard this, she replied, *"You can also do this work of guidance while you stay in your city. With me, an old woman, I have only limited resources in this forest. In your cities you have darkness much greater than this forest; many people have lost their way. You can guide them out of the darkness with the much better resources that you have in your city."*

The act of providing shelter to people on dark nights seldom takes place in the forest; however, it is often required in cities.

Hints:

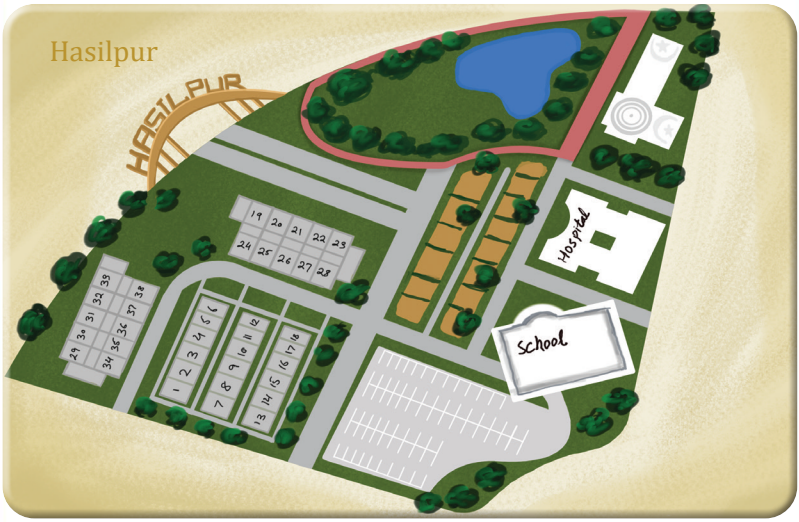
People's lives are covered with layer after layer of darkness and miseries. The real virtue is to take these people out of that darkness and miseries.

Good deeds are not only related to a particular situation; one can always do good regardless of the situation in which one finds oneself.

53. Hasilpur

A builder constructed a new town. He acquired a huge area of land. The topography of the area was uneven; therefore, he used graders to level it.

He then divided this town into various blocks. Some were allocated for immediate construction works while others were left for future extensions.



He constructed a boundary wall around this town with a large and elegant entrance gate together with a security check post. The town consisted of residential and commercial plots to cater the residential and business needs of the residents.

The town had a very well-planned roads network, connecting all the houses with the commercials areas and then approaching the main entrance.

The town also had its own water supply and sewerage networks keeping it clean and environmentally friendly.

The town also had playgrounds as well as a hospital for the patients. There were a number of green parks and trees planted in front of each building unit as well as alongside the roads.

The builder also constructed schools, colleges and prayer houses so that the residents would have appropriate facilities to realize their biological, mental, and spiritual potential.

The builder named this wonderful city "Hasilpur."

Hint:

During this lifetime, a man is required to build a planned town both in his outside world as well as within his soul so that he can realize his potential for the ultimate success.

54. Generator

A man realized that there was darkness inside his house. Eventually, he purchased a generator to be operated with fuel. When he put in the fuel and operated the generator, it produced electric power that lit up his house.

Apparently, there is no similarity between a generator that is made of metal, fuel which is a liquid and the resultant light which is a transparent illumination.

In fact, light was produced and it sustained itself independently of the body of the generator. The house owner also purchased a power battery. He was now also able to store this power in the battery and take it anywhere he wanted. He could also light other areas using the power stored in the battery.

Hint:

The human machine has such a design that the soul developed within it, survives without it.

55. Bus

This is a double-decker tourist bus. It runs from one side of the city and ends up in the other side of the city with many stops on its route.

Bus

Its passengers include tourists from different cities and countries of the world. Whenever the bus stops at a stop, some tourists get down off the bus and new tourists get on the bus.

Neither those coming up nor those getting down are known to each other. All of them had their own unique journeys.

The tourists only sit together in the bus for a short period of time. They hardly notice each other's clothes and faces and only exchange some formal greetings. The bus is beautiful and the places it visits are awesome, but the alienation between the tourists is a strange thing.

Hint:

If we see people of the world through the eyes of a mystic, they resemble the tourists sitting in a tourist bus.

56. Butterfly and Crow

A wandering crow came into a garden. There he saw a beautiful butterfly whose delicate, colorful, and attractive wings made him feel jealous.

He said to the butterfly, *"What is this useless showing off?"*

Hearing that criticism, the butterfly replied, *"This beauty, delicacy and colorfulness is an outer manifestation of my inner self that your sightlessness can not observe."*

Having said that, the butterfly flew toward the flowerbed and took her place on a beautiful flower.

Seeing this the crow said, *"What are you searching for in those flowers?"*

The butterfly replied, *"These flowers rejoice in my zeal and passion. Together we write the story of beauty, delicacy and colors."*

This is all, indeed, beyond the vision of a crow. The crow replied, *"That is a futile way of passing time. Look at me, I fly wherever I want, landing on this house and that house. Often, I get something lying here and there to eat. I also grab any unattended food and fly away."*

The butterfly said, *"Your earning and character are the factors that have made you so dull and imperceptive. You are a crow, and you can neither feel the blooming nor hear the whispering of the flowers."*

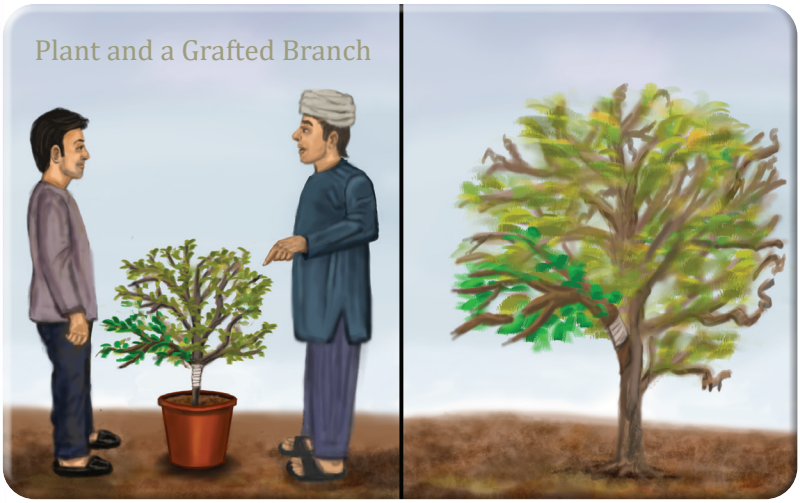
Butterfly and Crow

Hints:

Butterfly	:	Subtle senses, higher taste.
Flowers	:	Factors that help to achieve the higher level of consciousness.
Garden	:	A realm of spiritual joy.
Crow	:	Imperceptiveness, lack of subtle senses.

57. Plant and a Grafted Branch

A man purchased a fruit tree from a nursery to plant in his house. The nursery owner told him that this tree ordinarily brings wild fruit; however, he had grafted one of its branches with a very productive breed.



The nursery owner showed this branch to the customer and advised him to take care of the plant by keeping the grafted branch and trimming the wild branches as they grow. He told the customer that if he followed those instructions, the tree would grow up and produce high-quality fruits.

The man came home and planted the tree in his courtyard. He took care of this plant in all aspects, softened the soil, watered it, and added fertilizer during each season. However, he forgot the nursery owner's instruction to trim the wild branches and keep the grafted branch to grow up to bring fruit.

The tree grew up with the wild branches. After a few years, it produced fruit. But the fruit was not at all what the house owner had expected. It was wild low-quality fruit, neither good-looking nor tasty. The house owner was very sad. He had taken care of this plant for so many years but could not achieve the desired fruit of his hard work.

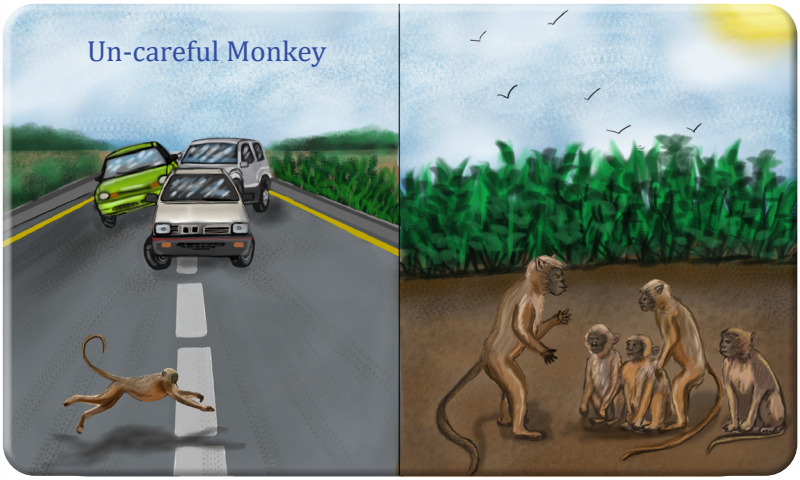
But now the time had passed and nothing was going to change with repenting.

Hint:

Human life is a unique opportunity for one's growth. If not taken care of, the time will pass alongside the chain of evolution without necessarily bringing someone any benefit.

58. Un-careful Monkey

A monkey often came out of the forest and entered a nearby town, making mischief here and there. Sometimes he would snatch something from a passerby, on other occasion he grabbed some food from a grocery shop.



The chief of the monkey tribe admonished him several times advising him not to adopt such habits. The chief instructed him to instead stay with his clan in the forest and make his living like other monkeys.

This loafer monkey did not pay heed to the advice of his chief and continued wandering into the town snatching and grabbing food.

He took this wandering and snatching as a normal routine without being aware that such actions may cause harm to the human population.

One day, this loafer monkey grabbed some bananas from a fruit shop. The shopkeeper chased after him, and the monkey ran into a busy road.

With his sudden entry on the road, the vehicles coming from the opposite directions applied their emergency brakes. There was a screeching sound and two cars collided with each other. Many people got injured.

A fellow monkey reported this case to the chief of the monkey tribe. The chief called the loafer monkey and shouted at him, *"See how much damage has occurred due to your negligence!"* The monkey was standing still before the chief making innocent gestures as if he had not done anything.

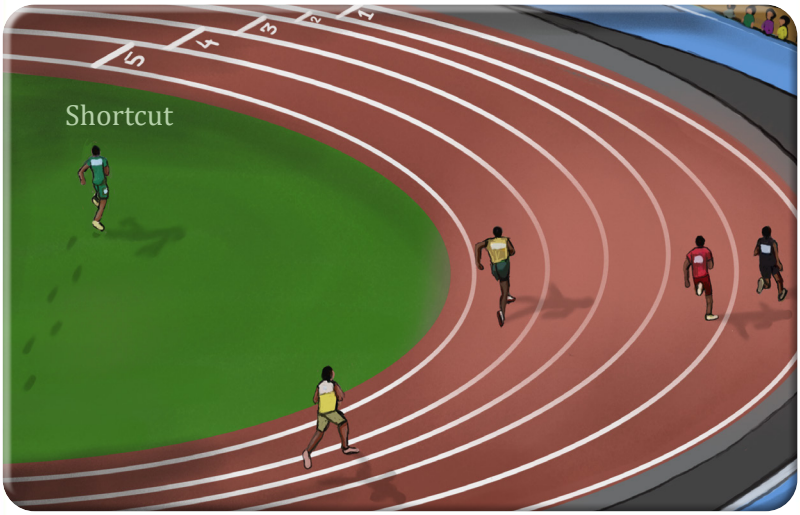
Hint:

Whenever a person acts in violation of a rule and regulation, his action causes disruption to society. To be unaware of a rule and regulation or to have acted innocently does not create any exception to that rule.

59. Shortcut

A track was made in a stadium for a running competition. The track started from one side of the stadium and taking a wide round turn ended closer to the starting point.

Thus, the finish line was geographically located close to the starting point but following the track route it required a great deal of effort to reach it. When a running competition started, all the athletes ran with their full energy so as to reach the finish line.



A lazy athlete realized that he cannot win the race by following the proper track. So, he left the running track and ran across the ground directly toward the finish line.
When the referee saw what was happening, he laughed at the lazy athlete for this violation and sent him out of the stadium by showing him a red card.

Hint:

It is not merely standing on the finish line that declares you successful; a journey from the beginning till the end of a proper track is an essential part of the validation of success.

60. Walnut

There was a bowl of walnuts on a table in front of a king. He picked one walnut of his choice from the bowl and put it on the table surface. The other walnuts were watching this scene.

The chosen walnut was a bit puzzled after being brought onto the table. He was afraid that the king would soon break his outer shell. However, the walnut had a long-awaited desire to have its outer shell broken so that its kernel would come out. Although the walnut had desired this for a long time, he was still worried about the consequences.

The king took it in his hand. When touched by the king's hand, the walnut felt a great amount of contentment. In the meantime, the king took a hammer in his other hand and suddenly hit the outer shell of the walnut.

The shell broke apart and the walnut was reborn with its internal kernel. That day, he was liberated.

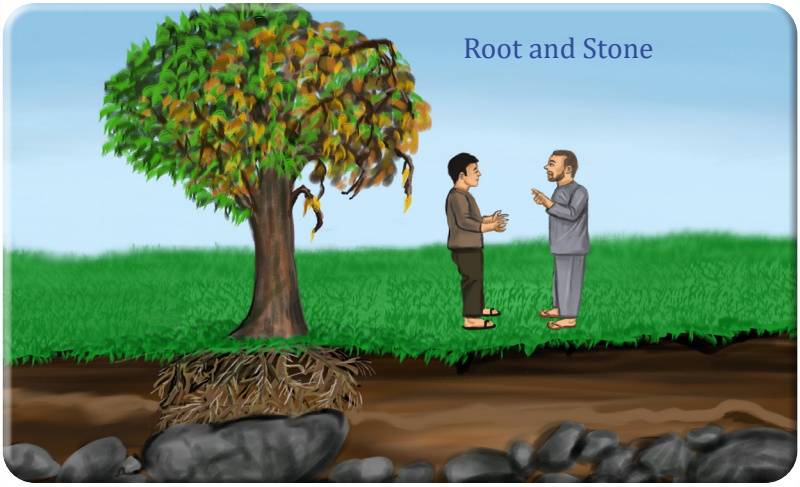
Hints:

The elevated life of a man is a life with his purified and developed soul, which is something other than a body of blood and flesh. If one desires sincerely and walks toward this goal, sooner or later a day will come when a king breaks all the veils and shells lying on the heart of his soul. That person is then liberated.

61. Root and Stone

A man planted a fruit tree in his courtyard. However, he had not prepared the land very well before this planting.

However, after planting the tree, he took great care of it. He continuously watered the tree, trimmed its branches and monitored its growth. In a few years, the plant grew up giving hope to the house owner that it would bear fruit very soon.



But, contrary to what had been expected by the house owner, the plant started withering. The house owner was very sad to see that, after so many years of his hard work the plant was withering.

He called an expert gardener from the nearby city and told him the whole story. The gardener was wise enough to understand. He told this man, *"It is true that you have taken great care of this plant; however, the reason this plant is withering is the stones lying right beneath its roots."*

The gardener said to the man, *"Although you have taken care of the plant in the subsequent stage; however, you did not take the first step of removing the stones lying under its roots."*

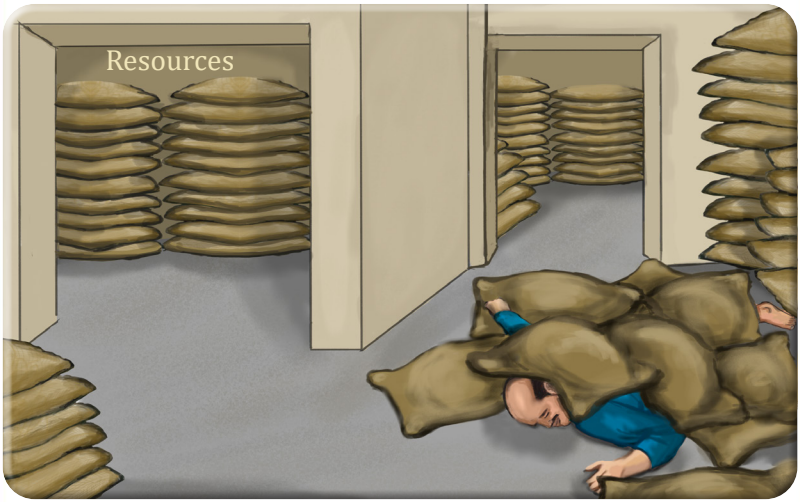
Hint:

The root (foundation) is an integral part of the growth of a personality. If roots and foundations are not taken care of, one shall only observe a temporary growth up to some period of time, soon turning into deterioration and repentance.

62. Resources

A man was preoccupied with the fear of becoming poor. He was all the time thinking that the resources of his life might end and he might not have food and money to make his living in the future.

To overcome this fear, he constructed a house of twenty rooms. One by one, he stacked sacks of wheat flour, rice and pulses in each of these rooms.



He also made steel lockers to collect and protect his cash and jewelry as a second layer of wealth to protect him from poverty.

Then he established a cattle farm in the vast courtyard of his house so that milk and butter would be available in sufficient quantity and his wealth protected.

Every morning after he woke up, he visited these twenty rooms full of food supplies. He cleaned the rooms so that the food would be protected from pests. He then moved to the steel lockers and re-counted his wealth. Finally, he went to the cattle and took care of them.

Despite having done so many things, the fear of becoming poor in the future still overcame him.

One day, he was in one of his twenty rooms of food supplies. Suddenly, while he was standing near a high stack of wheat sacks, a number of sacks slipped and fell onto him.

He tried to escape but got trapped beneath the heavy sacks. There was no one near to help him out from under the weight of these sacks. He remained trapped beneath that weight in a very helpless state.

Hint:

If an owner of material resources does not make himself independent from the influence of those resources, one day he will become trapped underneath their weight.

63. A Sweat Drink

A man prepared a sweet drink. He put a number of spoonsful of sugar in the jug but forgot to shake it. He served this drink to a few people. They each took a swig and stopped drinking with unhappy looks apparent on their faces.

The man had prepared this drink without giving proper attention. He had put sufficient sugar in the jug but had not shaken it to make the drink sweeter.

The sugar was sitting in the bottom and the whole jug of unsweetened drink had been served to the people by this man.

Hint:

The potential inherent in a man does not bring a result, unless it is actually realized by that person.

64. Clay Oven

When a clay oven's son grew older, he told his father, *"Although I like making bread in me, I do not at all like that a fire first burns me from my inside."*

The father oven replied to his son, *"No clay oven has ever made any bread inside him unless he himself was first burnt red from his inside."*

Hint:

The people who wish to have spiritual development without the hard work of purifying their hearts simply do not succeed in this mission.

65. A Clay Lamp

In a certain village, a man had in his possession many pitchers full of mustard oil. He had only a one-room house. The pitchers were lying beneath his bed and in all four corners of the room.

While coming in and out of the room at night in darkness, his legs often collided with the pitchers and were injured. Sometimes, he also fell down and hurt his arms and face.

He was worried about these pitchers and did not know how to make use of that oil. He also did not like to distribute the oil to others.

One day a saint came down to this village from a nearby mountain. The residents of the village gathered around this saint to ask him about various life issues.

The owner of the pitchers of oil also arrived at that place. When it was his turn, he explained the issue of the oil pitchers and his colliding with them and getting injured. He requested that the saint advise him of a solution to get rid of the problem.

The saint listened to him and said, *"You have so much oil that you can enlighten all the dark nights of your life, but instead you are falling down and getting injured by colliding with the pitchers.*

The man asked the saint, *"But how can I get the benefit of this oil."*

"You only need a small oil lamp," replied the saint.

Hints:

Pitchers of oil	:	Knowledge, packs of information, feelings.
Oil lamp	:	Heart, wisdom, foresight.

66. A Water Well

A city was suffering from a drought. The residents were thirsty and running everywhere in search of water. Finally, they approached their king and complained about the water shortage.

The king ordered the excavation of a well near the opening avenue of the city. The area was demarcated and excavation started. The workers excavated layers of clay followed by stone and sand layers. The people of the city were anxious to see the outcome. They were watching and lending a hand to this noble work.

Soon the day came when people heard the sound of beating drums and an announcement by the royal guards that the well was now operational with sweet and clean water available for all the residents.

The people came from all around the city to fetch water from this well to quench their thirst.

Hint:

A similar excavation is required in the chest of the city of this body of man. It is only after that excavation that the well of the heart gives sweet and clean water. This is the water that quenches the spiritual thirst of those who approach them for this purpose.

67. Hot Pan

In a certain kitchen a silver pan that was used for kneading the flour once said to the hot pan used to cook chapattis, *"How black and ugly you are. You are degrading the beauty of this kitchen. Look at me how beautiful and attractive I am."*

Listening to the silver pan, the hot pan replied, *"Do not look for my beauty in the clothes that are blackened in the struggle to promote goodness in my life."*

"Instead, my beauty should be seen in the red cheeks of the youngsters of this house who have grown up eating the bread cooked on my burning self."

Hint:

Sincere leaders and forerunners sacrifice their daily life in favor of future generations of humanity. Some people, due to a lack of fore sight, do not recognize that contribution, rather criticize their appearance.

Hot Pan

68. Potatoes and Peas

A chef prepared gravy with potato cubes and green peas. After cooking he put a lid on the pan.

Now, when there was loneliness the potato cubes boasted to the green peas *"Although we have been cooked together, you green peas are tiny creatures in comparison to us. We possess a much greater body structure than you."*

After some time, the chef returned to the kitchen. He took the potatoes and green peas along with gravy in a bowl and served them to his master.

The bowl had in it both potato cubes and green peas. The master did not take long to equally eat up both the potato cubes and the green peas.

Hint:

Quantity is of no distinguishing value unless it is also accompanied by a qualitative difference.

Potatoes and Peas

69. Fan

A beautiful fan was hanging under a ceiling in a house. When someone switched it on, it started moving. When switched off, it immediately obeyed and stopped.

In the event of nobody switching it on, it stayed idle for months and months.

Once an ant was walking across this ceiling. The fan made a joke of this ant, *"Oh, you tiny creature, where are you going?"*

When the ant heard this, she said, *"The value of a creature comes from its degree of freedom. Indeed, I am a tiny creature, but I am free in any movement. I am not tied to a power button like you."*

Hint:

Free movement is an essential part of the human personality.

Fan

70. Roof and Ceiling

A sparrow entered a house having found an open door.

Inside, she saw that the ceiling of the house was decorated with many colors and designs. While she was looking at this colorful ceiling a child in the house ran after her, so she flew out and landed on the rooftop of the house. The rooftop was flat, sparse, and simple.

The sparrow asked the roof top *"Do you know what beauty is hidden in your inner part?* "The rooftop replied, *"No, there cannot be anything special. What I see in my outer self, I believe the inner self is not different from that."*

The sparrow said, *"I have just been inside of this house. I have seen the ceiling; your inner self, beautiful, delicate, colorful and majestic."*

"I recommend that you must do your best to become connected with your inner self. This connection will relieve you from the chilling winters and scorching summers that you are suffering from over the years."

Listening to this from the sparrow, the rooftop started contemplating the matter.

Hint:

It is only after finding our inner self that we complete our personality.

71. Jungle

A man was attacked by animals in a forest. He had come to the forest for a pleasant walk and wanted to return to his home safely.

He had in front of him bears, a fox chasing from the back, elephants and giraffes on the right, and buffaloes and cows on the left.

When he looked up, he saw birds of prey on the branches of the forest trees. He was scared to look down at the earth as there might be some dangerous reptiles under his feet.

He moved towards this direction and that direction, dodging these animals and those animals.

The animals were clever, but he had also decided to succeed at any cost. He wanted to reach home safely without any deadly confrontation with wild animals.

He was active and responsible. He suddenly made a space between him and the animals and ran quickly.

The animals chased him for some distance and then stopped. He continued running and reached his home safely.

Hint:

A successful person is one who keeps himself liberated from the forces of lower ego that always work to pull him backward.

72. Steakhouse

In the pleasant weather of the month of March, a steakhouse had put its tables and chairs on a roadside green lawn. A man was sitting there enjoying a beefsteak.

A wandering cow somehow passed on the road beside this steakhouse. She saw the man eating the steak but did not pay any heed.

After eating the steak, when that man was going back home in his car, he saw some people carrying a coffin at a funeral. He looked toward those people and moved past without any feeling.

In the same manner as the cow was unaware of the fact that the steak on the platter was an indication that one of her sister cows had been slaughtered, this man ignoring the funeral was ignorant of the fact that sooner or later he was also in turn for his funeral.

Hint: Do not ignore signs; particularly those that lead you onto the right path to your destination.

73. Waste Bin

A municipality put a dumpster on the corner of a street. There were around twenty homes on that street.

The residents regularly collected their kitchen waste and disposed of it in the dumpster. Sometimes, they also dropped their expired meals in that dumpster.

When the dumpster became full, sometimes a bad odor arose out of it, making life unpleasant for people in the adjacent homes. The residents had to call the municipality to take action to empty the dumpster.

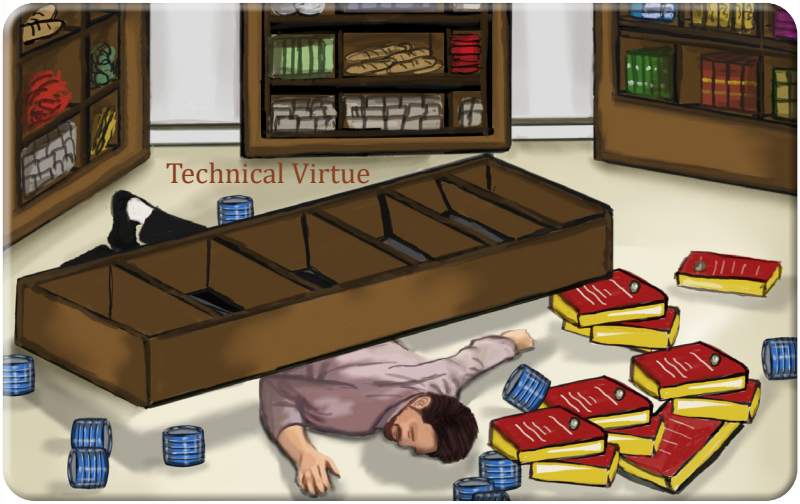
Hint:

When a person is receptive to all kinds of feelings and ideas of others, he makes himself similar to a dumpster, vulnerable to a bad odor. A person should control his mind and accept only purified thoughts and ideas.

74. Technical Virtue

A trader had a shop in a city. He had good sales to make his living.

At the very end of each year, he used to give money in charity to needy people. However, in his ordinary life, during the whole rest of the year, he was an angry and miserly person.



He never invited his friends and relatives to dinner. Instead, he looked for opportunities to be fed by others.

He often ridiculed the poor people approaching him for their needs. He was also not generous to his wife and children. In fact, generosity was not at all part of his personality.

One day while he was sitting in his shop, a fully loaded rack fell down right on his shoulders.

He could not escape and was stuck beneath this rack and goods. People on the other side of the road heard the noise of the falling rack and they rushed towards his shop.

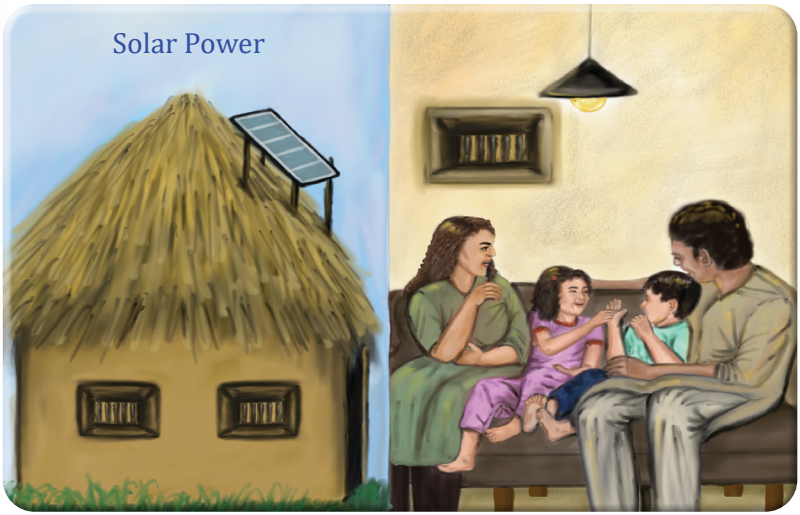
They pulled him out after a great effort. He had received many injuries due to the sudden falling off the rack. He was taken to a nearby hospital for treatment.

Hint:

Virtue is not a technically calculated phenomenon; instead, it is an integral part of one's whole personality.

75. Solar Power

Aslam's wife often argued with him that when our days are so bright why the nights of our life are so darker. Aslam started contemplating upon this issue and decided that he will definitely make his nights illuminated like his days.



The day came when Aslam purchased a solar panel from the market and installed it on the rooftop of his house.

The solar plates took energy from the sun and transferred it to the power battery. On the first night, after the installation of the solar panel, Aslam's house was fully illuminated with electric bulbs. That night it was like a big celebration.

Thereafter, Aslam, his wife, and their children started living happily as both the days and nights of their life were equally illuminated.

Hints:

Solar panel	:	The ability of a person to receive spiritual power.
Illuminated night	:	The veils of darkness removed from the darker parts of the soul.

76. The Star War

Missiles were being fired on a number of targets in New York, Moscow, London, Beijing, and other big cities across the world for the last three days.

It was for the first time in history that an emergency was declared on the whole planet earth.

According to the satellite images and other intelligence reports, it was clear that these attacks were made by the aliens of a neighboring solar system who had established their military bases on the planet Mars of our solar system.

An urgent meeting was held by the great powers of the world in Geneva, Switzerland. The US president flew to the meeting from Washington, the Russian President from Moscow, and the Chinese President from Beijing. The German Chancellor and UK Prime Minister also made their way to Geneva along with the leaders of the other nations.

As per the agenda, the chief Imam from Mecca, the Pope from Vatican City, the chief rabbi from Tel Aviv were also called to this meeting through special flights. The maharishi from Banaras, Dalai Lama from Tibet, and representatives of other religions were equally invited.

The meeting continued for a few hours and the participants reached a complete consensus on the following points:

1) We have a very serious threat from our common enemy from a neighbouring solar system.

2) In view of the potential star war with our common alien enemy, we are in immediate need of promoting unity among various countries and nations of this world.

3) We are all same human beings. Our custom, culture, race and colour do not make any difference in our equality.

4) The religious scholars shall take measures to eliminate hatred between the people. They shall teach love and affection. The foremost priority is to promote peace.

5) From now on, there shall be no wars between the nations and countries on the earth.

6) All the countries shall contribute in establishing the "earth army" that shall defend this planet and fight with our common enemy attacking us from its military basis on the Mars.

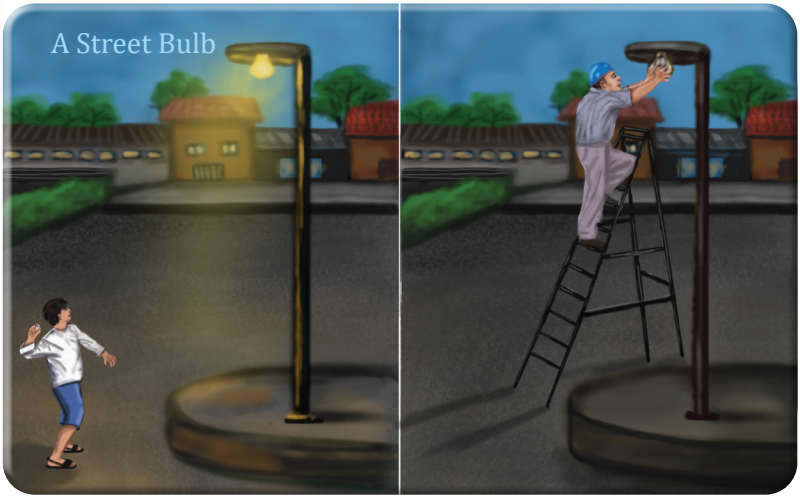
The political leaders and the religious scholars were very happy and satisfied after this meeting. It was like a new beginning for the human being on the earth. The angels from the heaven also captured this peace bringing meeting and clapped. They immediately ran towards the central garden of the heaven to show this video to Adam and Eve.

Hints:

In order to overcome this present-day narrow mindedness and for the greater benefit of the humanity, the human beings on the earth need to look up the higher goals.

77. A Street Bulb

There was a bulb installed on a pole in a certain street. It provided light to the street when it became dark at night. However, besides providing light it was also very much proud of being illuminated and irritated every passerby by criticizing them on the darkness associated with them.



One day, when there was no one in the street, a child suddenly appeared with a stone in his hand. He took aim at this bulb and broke it down by hitting it with the stone.

The very next day one of the residents of this street installed a new bulb on the same pole. The new bulb neither boasted about its illumination nor criticized any passerby for his darkness that was yet to be converted into light.

Hint:

A respectable station is a blessing and the assumption of such a station presupposes humbleness in nature. If that is not the case, that station is given to the next person in the queue.

78. A Pen

A fountain pen was full of ink. He told his nib to continue writing.

After some time, the nib warned the pen, *"Half of the ink has been consumed, what about taking rest for a while?"*

The pen replied, *"We shall take rest only after completing our task, you continue writing till the whole treasure of ink existing within me is utilized."*

The nib argued, *"What will happen to our existence after all our ink has been used up?"*

The pen replied, *"Do not worry, when our ink is finished, we shall be that which has been written upon the pages of the paper."*

Hint:

This life is an opportunity for action. One should take advantage of that opportunity and do his best to write on the pages of his continuous existence.

A Pen

79. A Dyer and a Cat

A cat entered a dyer's shop before the shop was closed at night.

In the closed dark shop, she collided with containers full of various industrial colors.

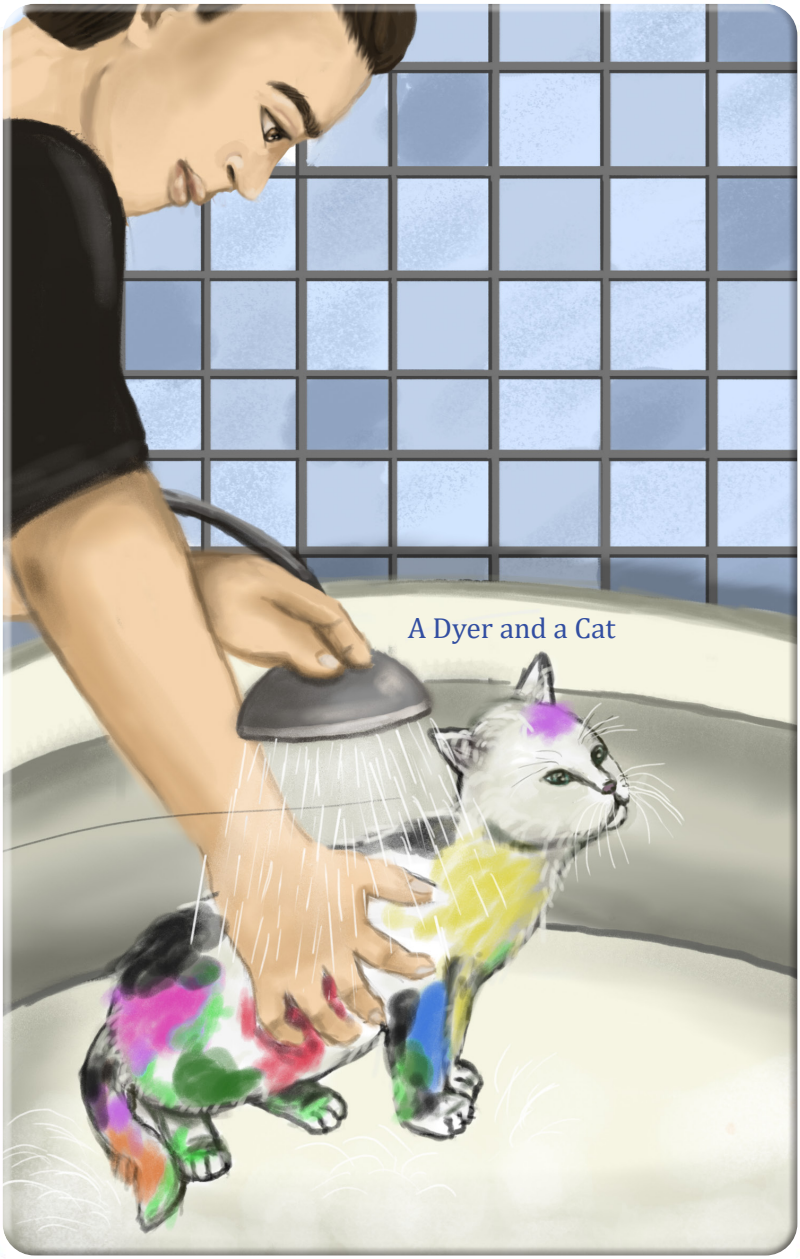
She jumped to escape but in this jumping around the containers, many colors spilled on the ground as well as on the white fur of this cat. She got painted in many colors.

The cat remained locked in the shop for the whole night. In the morning, when the shopkeeper opened the door of the shop, she rushed out and made her way back home.

When his master saw her, at first glance he could not recognize her. Such a multicolored cat was unknown to him. Soon however, he was able to recognize her and washed her skin with a detergent powder. With this wash, all the accidental colors were washed away, and the cat turned back to her original white color.

Hint:

All accidental colors should be washed away in favor of the original harmonious cosmic color.


A Dyer and a Cat

80. Carrots

A worker saved money and purchased a machine to make carrot juice. It was winter, and he purchased carrots to produce the juice.

He pushed the carrots into the machine. The juice came out from one side of the machine, filling a glass jar.

On the other side of the machine, the left-over pulp was automatically collected in a separate jar.

He removed the jar from the machine and poured the juice into a jug.

Meanwhile, he took the left-over pulp from the machine and threw it into the garbage.

Hint:

It is the juice of a person's virtues that is valued.

Carrots

81. Prayerer and Praying Mat

A person had a very beautiful prayer mat. He prayed on it five times a day.

He had a habit of washing this prayer mat every day to keep it clean. Most of the time, he washed it even if it had no dirt on it.

Once upon a time, during prayer, he bowed and prostrated right on the image of the Kaaba on the upper side of his prayer mat. Then, a voice came from the prayer mat, *"How long shall you continue washing me? Why not sometimes wash yourself as well so that you are elevated?"*

Hint:

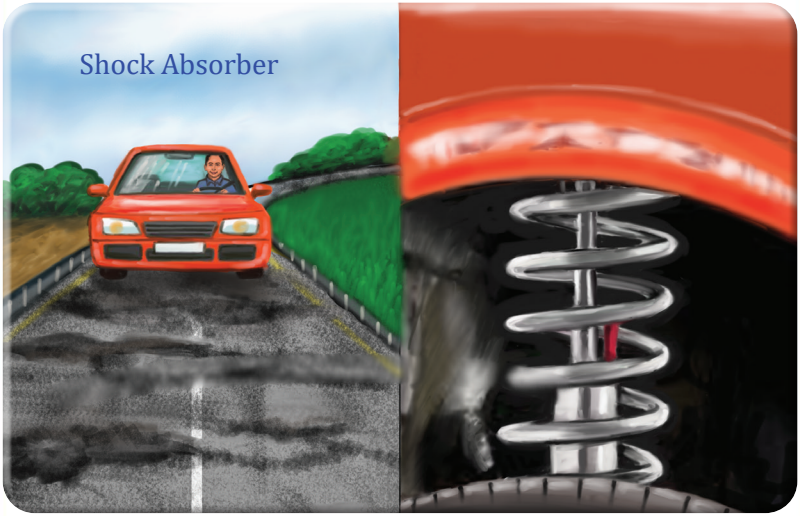
If one does not clean and purify his inner self, he cannot get any spiritual development just by cleaning the things outside of his inner self.

Prayerer and Praying Mat

82. Shock Absorber

He was a middle-level office employee. After working for many years, he purchased an old car so that he could have his own transport to and from his office.

Because the condition of roads in the city was very poor and his car was an old model, he had to face jerks and shocks which made him feel tense.



After some years he improved his financial condition and purchased an expensive luxury car. This car had very efficient shock absorbers. Now, when passing along any broken road, he did not feel any shocks or jerks.

The quality of the shock absorbers of this new car made him go without being affected by the conditions of the broken roads.

Hint:

Absorbing shocks is yet another power of the soul that makes a man self-secured from the factors that make him feel disturbed in this life.

83. Headlight

He was driving his car at a fast but controllable speed. It was an empty road on a dark night. The headlights of the car were throwing sufficient light, and he could see any object in front of him well in time.

The efficient car headlights made him safe from any accident during this drive, even though it was a dark night.

He continued driving and finally reached his destination quite safe and sound.

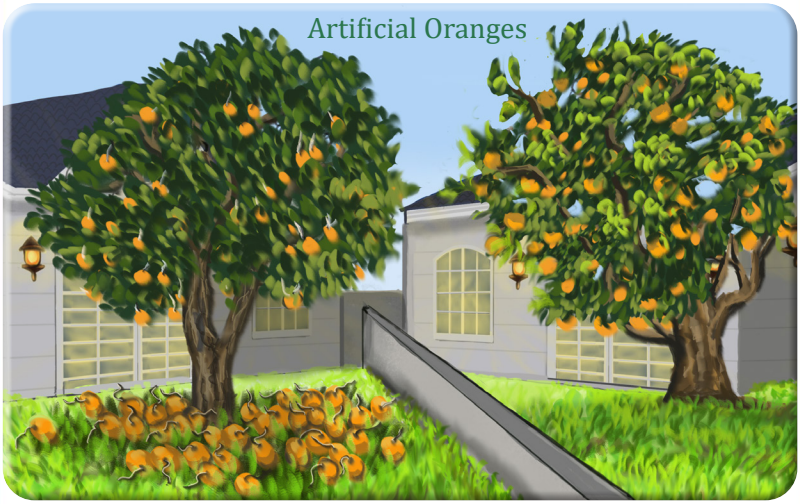
Hint:

Foresight is a quality that keeps a person safe and gives him time to deal with any trouble coming his way.

Head Light

84. Artificial Oranges

Reddee and Palee were two friends. They were not only friends but also neighbors. Both of the friends desired to plant orange trees in the courtyards of their houses. Soon, they followed their plans and planted the trees.



Reddee was well disciplined. He took great care of his tree. He trimmed it as required, watered it and put manure as necessary. On the other side Palee did not take any care of his tree after planting it.

After some years, Reddee's tree produced fruit, and he was full of joy. When Palee knew that Reddee's tree was full of oranges while his tree was not, he became embarrassed and thought out a plan to change that situation.

He brought many dozens of oranges from the market and hanged them on his tree. By doing so, he made himself appear the equal of Reddee. Some neighbors even remarked that Palee's tree had produced better oranges than Reddee's.

However, that trick did not last very long. The very next day, a strong wind blew through the town. All the fake oranges hanging on Palee's tree fell on the ground. Reddee's tree however, stood stable with its original oranges.

The people of the town became aware of the fake oranges of Palee and he had to live with that embarrassment for a long time.

Hint:

A success achieved by derailing a process is only a temporary enjoyment soon converted into embarrassment.

85. Rank

A mango tree produced mangoes after so many years of its life. The ripened mangoes were of a nice color and full of fragrance.

The mangoes started looking upon themselves as different from the leaves, branches, stem and roots of the tree. They thought they were the only production of this tree and believed that every other part of the tree was inferior to them in purpose, color, and fragrance.

Observing its fruits' attitude, the mango tree felt pained. It told the mango fruits, "*It was a long journey that started from the roots in the ground and was followed by the growth of the stem, which sustained the branches that gave birth to thousands of leaves. All of the tree participated as a whole, and that was what made the mangoes come out looking so nice and fragrant.*"

"There were many pleasant and unpleasant seasons faced by the whole tree that caused you to grow."

"You mangoes should be grateful to the roots, stem, branches and leaves instead of claiming any superiority over them."

"Since you were not able to grow without the roots, stem branches and leaves, how can you claim any superiority over them?"

Hint:

To be merely located at the end of a chain of success contributed to by many does not mean a superior personal rank.

Rank

86. A week Roof Slab

A person was building his house. When the walls were raised up and it was time to pour the roof slab, he brought the required quantity of reinforced steel from the market so that it was fixed on the shuttering for pouring concrete.

The owner of the house purchased the exact quantity of steel, but instead of spreading it in accordance with the roof design, he just threw these steel bars randomly on the roof shuttering.

There were places on the roof where the steel was in excess of the required quantity. But there were also places where there was not even a single steel bar.

The concrete was anyhow poured. When the shuttering was removed a few days after the pouring of the concrete, the roof collapsed and fell on the ground.

The man's relatives, friends and neighbors came to him and expressed their sorrow regarding the collapse of his roof.

He was telling everybody that he had used the exact quantity of steel and concrete and did not know why his roof slab had collapsed.

Hint:

A quantitative approach is durable only when it is accompanied by quality.

A Week Roof Slab

87. Rose Flower

A red rose flower sprouted up on a rose plant in a lonely place.

With its dark red color and majestic petals, the flower was at the peak of its youth. It was a pure and excellent piece of creation.

But there was no one in that lonely place to observe the beauty of this flower. Sometimes, the flower felt a deep sense of loneliness. It was not only that there was no one available to observe its beauty but it was also borne alone on a branch of that rose plant. It, therefore felt loneliness both internally and externally.

By the time its beauty had flourished, its sense of loneliness had also deepened. It seemed that this deep feeling of loneliness and separation would tear apart its soul, which consisted of delicate red petals. During the course of time, the flower felt another being being born in its inner self.

It listened to a voice coming from its inner self, which said, *"Do not worry or be sad about this loneliness and separation. You are not the mere accumulation of these mortal petals. You have your own unique reality. Soon you will tear apart your red clothing and meet with your reality."*

Hint:

People on the spiritual path should bear the deep feeling of their separation and loneliness with beautiful patience until the time that they finally reach their reality.

Rose Flower

88. A Bad Company

On a branch of a guava tree two guava fruits came out side by side.

One of them was very neat and tidy and did not like any dust or dirt on his body. The other one was always dirty and never tried to keep himself clean. Not only was he dirty, he had also made friends with various insects.

The clean guava fruit had advised his friend not to make friends with insects as they would make a way into his inner self and spoil it. However, he did not pay any attention to his friend's advice and insects found a way into his inner self.

When the season of picking fruits approached, the clean piece of guava was treated gently and packed with higher quality fruits. Through the process of selling, it eventually reached in a fruit platter served before the king.

Meanwhile, the other guava fruit, the friend of the insects, was immediately thrown down on the ground and soon degenerated.

Hint:

A company of good fellows makes a person good, while a company of bad fellows makes a person bad.

A Bad Company

89. Blackened Face

A person was sleeping at night when another person applied some black ink on his face.

He woke up in the morning and went to the bazaar to purchase his daily needs. In every shop he visited, some people laughed at him and some others got frightened looking at his blackened face.

Some people also tried to draw his attention to his face. They told him that his face was blackened and he should wash. But this man did not take any advice seriously.

He finished his shopping in the bazaar and returned home. He was so dominated by thinking that he was correct, that he even did not bother to touch his face to see if there was any black ink spread on it.

He continuously remained feeling that he was correct in his manners. It was already night. He once again went to bed to sleep.

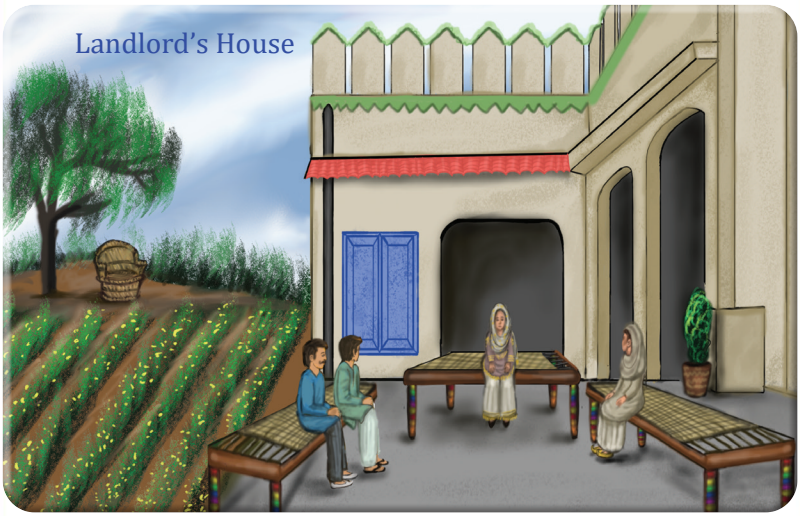
Hint:

A person's private thoughts and ideas only are not a standard to judge if he is correct. Instead, the thoughts, ideas and manners associated with one's personality are to be judged on some standard criteria.

90. Landlord's House

A village chief had a very beautiful farmhouse. It was spread on many acres of land with various seasonal crops. There was also a tube well to irrigate the crops. Near the tube well there was accommodation consisting of many rooms.

On one side of the house there were sheds for cattle, including expensive breeds of buffaloes and goats. The farmhouse was producing huge quantities of milk, butter, vegetables and grains.



A man entered the farmhouse. The wife of the landlord was sitting on a colorful cot in front of a veranda. The man replied to a query that he had come to meet the landlord.

The wife of the landlord looked at the man with surprise and said, *"The landlord died so many years before."*

Hint:

A life full of worldly material resources without the development of one's soul is like a big farmhouse whose landlord has already died.

91. Water Tank

A person constructed his house. He also built an underground water tank to collect the water supplied by the local municipality.

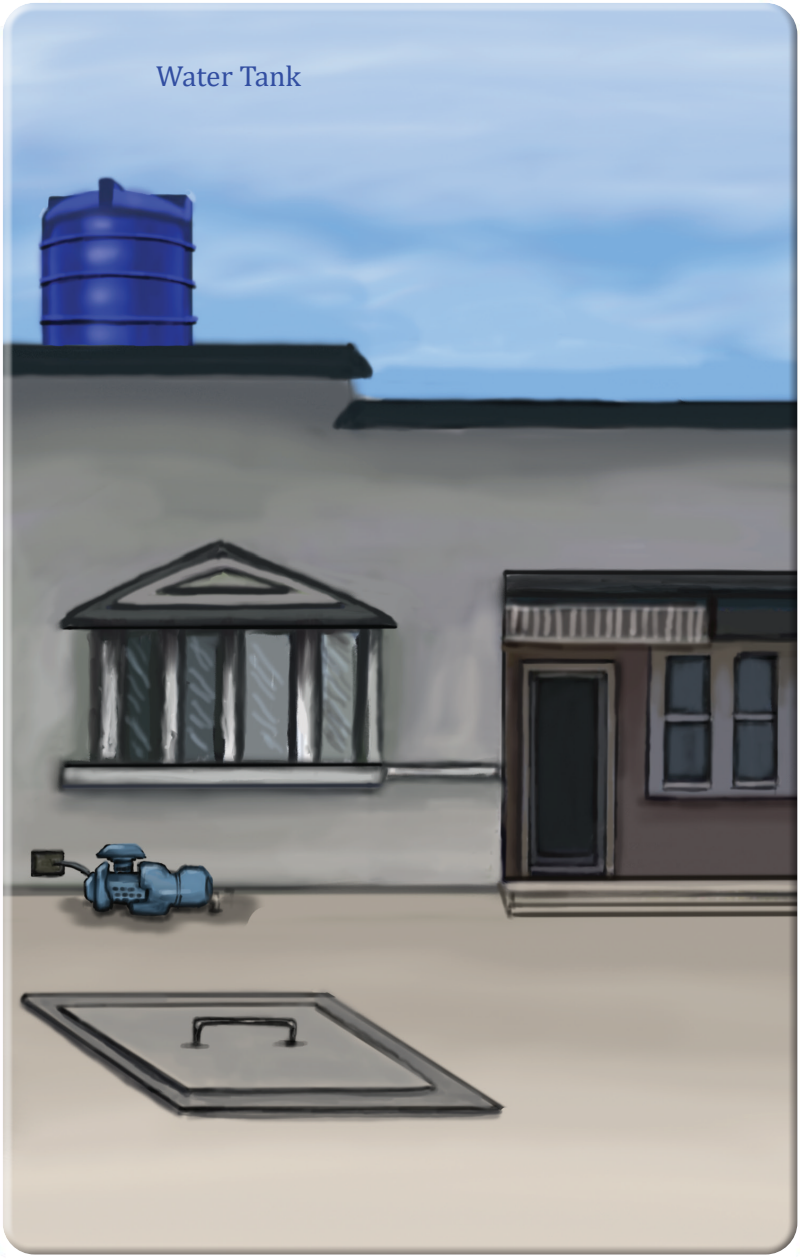
He also constructed an overhead water tank on his rooftop. The scheme was to pump the water from the underground water tank to the overhead water tank, from where it would travel through pipes to various locations around the house, such as the kitchen, the washrooms, and other places.

The house owner had an argument with the building engineer, asking, *"Why is an overhead water tank required when there is already an underground tank to collect the water from the municipality?"*

The engineer told the house owner, *"Although at first water is stored in the underground water tank unless it is pumped to the overhead water tank that water cannot be made available to the required locations in the house."*

Hint:

Unless one does not rise from down to above, he cannot fully succeed. Both the material and the spiritual worlds work on that principle.


Water Tank

92. Wrestler

A king was fond of wrestling. He ordered his minister to select and train a few royal wrestlers. He gave him six months to complete this project.

The minister selected a number of youngsters from the country to train them as per the standard advised by the king.

He fed the wrestlers with meat, fruits, milk and various kinds of grains. The minister also put the trained wrestlers on hard exercises to maintain their fitness.

At the appointed time, the minister presented a wrestler in front of the king to show him his progress. The minister praised this wrestler before the king and claimed that he was fit to win any wrestling competition.

When the king saw this wrestler, his eyes struck on the man's belly, which was more visible than the muscles of his arms.

The king admonished the minister saying, *"Have you fed this wrestler so that he accumulates fat on his belly? I do not like fat on bellies; rather, I want to see strong muscles on arms."*

Hint:

When material resources are used to again increase material resources, they do not yield any additional virtue. A spiritually successful person is one who uses his material resources in support of his spiritual mission.

93. Sufi Temple

A Sufi temple in a village distributed free food to its visitors. Everyday number of daigs of pulao rice were cooked and given out among the people.

McExpandee and McContractee were two friends in the village. They were neighbors and were often visiting the Sufi temple to get food.

McContractee's wife often complained that he was given only a small quantity of food whereas the wife of McExpandee was satisfied with the quantity of food he was bringing home. Every day after eating they had surplus food left with them which they distributed to their neighbors.

One day McContractee's wife went to the Sufi temple and complained to its guardian, asking why her husband was given less food compared with McExpandee.

The guardian of the Sufi temple replied that McContractee's pot was smaller than that of McExpandee. That was the reason why McExpandee got more than McContractee.

Hint:

The size of the pot of the mind and the heart matters a lot in terms of the quantity of success, achievement, and sustenance that one enjoys.

Sufi Temple

94. GorakhDhanda

He was a famous trader well known in the market. His relations with his friends and colleagues in the market were of a business nature.

But when he returned home in the evening, he was a husband for his wife, a totally different relation from a trader in the market. His children who received him in the evening were in relation to him in yet another different manner.

When he visited his parents, he was a son, different from the relation where he was himself a father of his children. To some he was a brother, he was also an uncle to some children, maternal and paternal.

In short, every relationship was different in nature from the other relationships. He was a pupil before his teacher and a worshiper when in the mosque and church.

He was spending his life wearing many masks, without ever thinking whether there was something strange in his life. Once it happened that he suffered a big loss in his business. He was seriously shocked.

From the effects of this shock, he felt something within the depths of his soul. Something that had been hidden by different personality traits but which was now making its way upward. The shock of business loss was helping this submerged treasure to appear after it had been ignored in the intensity of his daily life.

He realized that the treasure making its way out was nothing other than his own real self. He was happy to find his real self, which was apart from the personality traits he habitually practiced in his daily life.

Hint:

The real success of a person is to recognize and develop his soul out of the various traits of his personality.

95. Andromeda

There were people living on a planet in the Andromeda galaxy whose deeds would turn into demonic images.

When someone was envious of another person, a ball of fire would come into being. In cases of dishonesty and fraud, a dark black fluid would be created. It was similar for the other moral corruptions. However, the people causing these demonic images were not able to actually see them.

These images had a sort of intelligence and were operating against those who brought them into existence through their immoral attitudes.

For that reason, the population of this planet became vulnerable to a number of health problems. The fireballs continued inducing fatigue and anxiety in them during their sleep and when they were awake.

The dark fluid was entering into their thin blood veins and in the neuron circuits of their brains. It was causing them all kinds of problems. The affected people therefore, became weak and old before their natural age.

The wise men on the planet were aware of this tragedy and warned their people to live the best moral life so that they would not be affected by the demonic images created by their own immoral characters.

The people however, neither acknowledged these unseen images nor paid any attention to the instructions of the wise men on the planet. They continued as they had done in the past, with the exceptions of only a few of them who took heed and improved their moral character.

With this tragedy in place, new businesses became popular on the planet. Some people claimed that they could cure these illnesses. The wise men knew that there was no truth in their claims as the only route to recovery was returning to the best moral practices.

The wise men were not happy with the attitude of their people and continued making efforts for their betterment.

Hints:

Every action has its effects. The effects of deeds follow the person who executes those deeds.

96. Saltish Pudding

A chef was making rice pudding. He boiled a few liters of milk and put basmati rice in it.

There were two glass jars on the kitchen shelf before him. One jar contained white salt and the other white sugar.

The chef ignorantly took salt from one of the jars instead of sugar and put it in the rice pudding.

When the pudding was ready it was salty instead of having the desired sweet taste.

The chef was embarrassed about his mistake. He had trusted the outer view of the jars without investigating the inner realities of the forms and colors of the materials inside the jars.

Hint:

One should go beyond the apparent form of things and deeply investigate so that there are no surprises afterward.

Saltish Pudding
SALT
SUGAR

97. Palm Tree

A palm tree was standing in a garden looking like a great disciplined person.

It grew two to three large leaves every month. When these leaves grew stronger, two or three more leaves grew up. When new leaves came, the old leaves withered and eventually were trimmed down.

Meanwhile, the stem of the palm became a bit larger. With its vertical growth the stem also enlarged its diameter. Concurrently, the roots made their position stronger in the ground.

The palm tree consistently remained with this practice. It grew new leaves, shed the withered leaves, enlarged its trunk and depend its roots. It continued this practice for many years and became a strong, tall and beautiful tree.

Hint:

To evolve with planning and discipline yields very good results in the years to come, both in the material and spiritual realms.

Palm Tree

98. Harmony

A garden had a variety of trees including cypress, palm, pongame, alstonia, guava, orange, lemon, plum, and many others. The land of the garden was fully carpeted with green grass. The flowerbeds contained roses, jasmine, marigold, daisy, petunia, and many other flowers.

There was a very pleasant breeze blowing in the morning in the garden. Nightingales, cuckoos, doves, sparrows and many other colorful birds sung in the trees in their unique melodious voices.

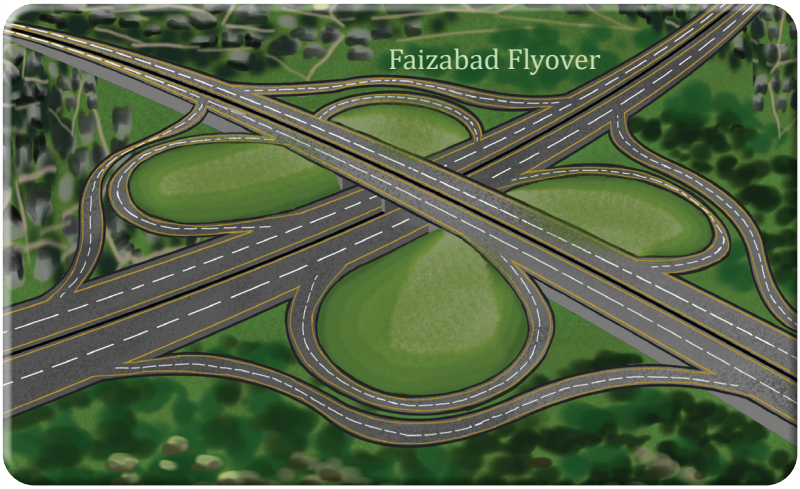
The various species, colors and voices all together produced a pleasant unity. It looked as if this garden and that which was in relation to it including trees, flowers and birds was only one unity.

Hint:

A harmonious personality and society come from the purpose of this universe.

99. Faizabad Flyover

At Faizabad, the traffic moving towards Islamabad, Rawalpindi, Peshawar, Lahore and Murree was often blocked creating troubles and tensions for the people for hours. Such blockages were often due to accidents.



Looking at the situation the concerned government decided to construct a flyover at that location. In a reasonable period of time the construction of the flyover was completed.

After the flyover's completion, the traffic coming from every direction passed through smoothly without blocking the vehicles on the other sides. There was neither any trouble nor any tension or blockage.

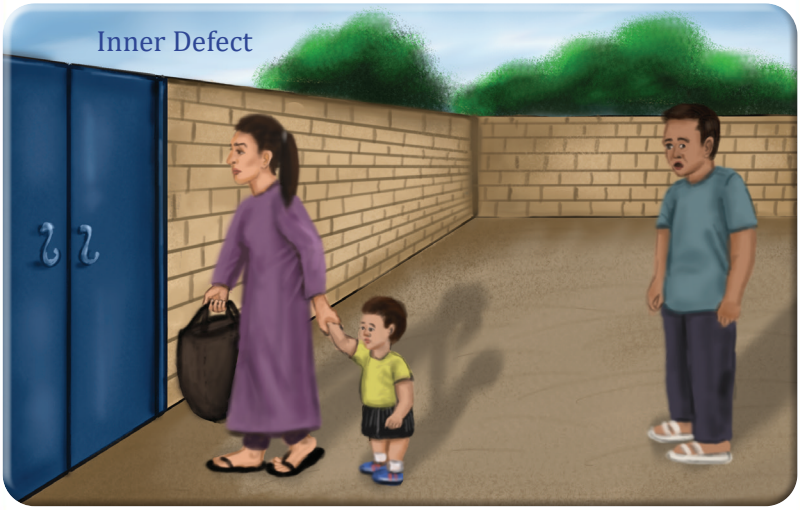
Hint:

For a healthy personality, knowledge, gnosis, intellect, and thoughts are required to move smoothly without any contradictions.

100. Inner Defect

A landlord had a big piece of agricultural land, which he leased in pieces to a number of tenants.

One of these tenants had a squint. He could not see from one of his eyes. The landlord had a tenancy agreement to pay him fifty percent of the crops proceeds against his labor.



In the first year, the squinting tenant worked hard and received his 50% share, which was enough for the yearly expenses of his family.

The next year, the squinting tenant thought that by his working hard, the landlord also gets paid more. Therefore, he decided to not work hard. Next year, at harvest time, crop production was lower than the previous year. The lower production impacted the income of both the landlord and the squinting tenant.

In the coming years, the squinting tenant became lazier. As a result, his share from the land proceeds dropped down so far that he failed to meet his family expenses.

His friends and relatives started blaming him for his low income and poor lifestyle. He told all his relatives and friends that it was the landlord who had reduced his share in the income.

He never diverted his attention toward his own sick thoughts and lazy attitude. He ignored the fact that he himself was the root cause of this problem.

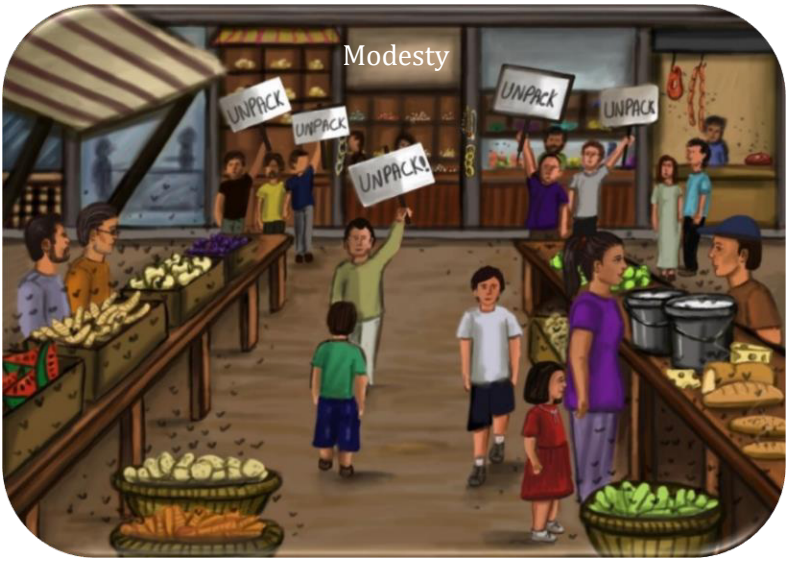
Soon, the day came when his wife left his house to return to her parents. He was sad and alone. He was not able to understand that it was his own internal defect that had destroyed his life.

Hint:

Most of the external problems that a person encounters are actually caused by his own internal defects.

101. Modesty

There was a bazar in the central market of Wonderland where shopkeepers made a very strange decision. It was like a movement that spread in the whole city. The main slogan of this movement was “Unpack”. Every item they were selling in their shops shall now be kept unpacked.



The vegetable shops were bound to peel all the bananas before selling. Likewise, they were peeling the oranges before selling. They ignored all the concerns about the food becoming unhygienic.

The jewelry shop uncovered all their jewels and gems, putting them randomly on the wooden racks. They ignored all the concerns about protection of these precious metals.

The milk sellers were not behind in this race. All the bottles and tetra packs were poured in the steel buckets and left open in the open air. They ignored the fact of milk becoming spoiled in a short period of time.

The "Unpack" movement of shopkeepers thus widely spared in the whole city. The wise men of the city knew that this was not a perfect idea and the residents of the city were soon going to face a big disaster. However; very few people paid heed to the advice of the wise men of this city.

Hints:

Modesty is the preciousness, sacredness and exaltedness of human being. It provides maintenance and prolonged protection to the human society.

102. Cucumber's Flower

In the morning fresh cucumbers arrived for sale at a vegetable shop.

The cucumbers were fresh, broken from the vines in such a manner that each cucumber had a flower on his head.

However, their flowers were minor in size when compared to their total body structure.

The shopkeeper stacked these cucumbers in one of the vegetable crates in his shop. While in the crate, one of the cucumbers looked at the rose flowers, beautifully arranged in the flowerpot on the shop counter.

The cucumber said to the flowers in a lovely voice, *"You are so colorful and beautiful but you do not have your body structure attached to you like us"*

The flowers listened to the young cucumber and smiled. One of the flowers then replied, "*We are only flowers, a composition of color, fragrance and beauty. This is a long story to tell, in summary we are now no longer dependent on body structures like you.*"

Hint:

A successful life proceeds from density toward subtlety.

Summary of Tales

(1) There is a clear difference between the level of consciousness and understanding between people, and you should take care of it. (2) If you move along the movement of the material orbit of life consistently, soon you will lose your own unique spiritual personality. (3) Do not make knowledge a burden on you; instead, utilize its essence. (4) Keep your feelings and passions distant from the center of your soul. (5) Do not just stay with your common five senses; in addition, also grow your spiritual senses. (6) Remember that greed kills your spiritual personality and distorts your journey to the heavens. (7) Your steadfastness shall soon bear fruit. (8) Although this material world contains good and bad, standing on the side of good is a great blessing. (9) It is the soul that contains the fruit of your prayers, not your biological body. (10) Intellect is a lamp for the dark passage and that dark passage shall not last very long. (11) Realize your potential as much as you can, then stay satisfied with the result. (12) Earn and collect only that which is useful for you. (13) The ranks of creatures are part of the great scheme of the Creator, therefore respect everyone. (14) One of the checks that you are heading toward a life of higher meanings is that you try to loosen the grip that time and space have on you. (15) Harmonize your individual consciousness with the cosmic consciousness. (16) Whatever is your position, your individual consciousness is yet to be further developed toward universal consciousness. (17) You should also awaken your soul alongside this biological body. (18) Despite the multifarious roles you have to play in this world, you must try to find out your real conscious self. (19) Think about the unity of this universe and contemplate how to reduce this apparent multiplicity into one.

(20) Remember that your journey to God passes through the passage of your love and affection to his creatures. (21) Be noble and virtuous in such a manner that your ego stands subtracted from it. (22) When you are beneficial to others, the forces of the universe shall never forget to protect you. (23) Do not just look at people's apparent gestures, try to visualize their inner selves. (24) We have to face so many challenges in life to develop our souls. (25) The sections of people who have remained behind in the development of their lives have become an obligation for us to take them out of that regression. (26) To work on many ideologies does not benefit a person unless he adopts one and practices it. (27) Unless one does not compare himself with any standard criteria, he may stop at a station which only he himself believes to be true. (28) The incidents occurring in our daily life are lessons. To be successful, we must learn these lessons carefully. (29) When a person does not pay attention to his betterment, the laws of nature give him an opportunity to recover. If a person does not avail that opportunity, he is then left at the mercy of the forces of nature that act against him. (30) Mystics do not intend to be clever to people in daily life. (31) When you focus on the cosmic side of consciousness, you will see the troubles and worries of this life are of a very trivial nature. (32) A developed consciousness denies physicality to the level possible and does not accept the domination of ego. (33) It is not possible that a person is equally tied to both the earth and the heavens. (34) Those who have not developed spiritual consciousness are very likely to deny any spiritual realities. (35) It is a very painful reality that the effects of the actions of an actor do not only affect him but also the people in relation to him in various degrees.

(36) You shall reach your reality at a slow and steady speed. The journey of the soul includes knowledge, experience, and practice. (37) The hardships in life do not hurt the essence of a person, rather they develop it. (38) The major barrier in the development of the spiritual consciousness of a person is his longing for a life of material gains. (39) All the struggles that do not result in gains of a permanent nature should be given importance only up to the degree of their temporal importance. (40) Freedom is an important virtue. (41) All resources, be they material or spiritual, come to us through a mechanism, and we must always be ready to pay regard to it. (42) The people of the planet have borne with the differences in their nature; such differences should be allowed for when dealing with people. (43) You should travel both in esoteric and exoteric dimensions. (44) A person traveling on a mystical path when subjected to unveiling must check himself with the experiences of great forerunners so that he is not confused and lost in the flow of information. (45) The universe is so organized and disciplined that an ignorant and aimless person would not fit into its permanent direction. (46) Apparent colorfulness and attraction are not the sole criteria for judging the value of a reality. (47) When intensified, the material struggle in life ends up with the surrender of our natural freedom. (48) Our bodies, souls, and this earth respond against any violation committed in their environment. (49) Your center of consciousness should dominate your brain movements. (50) Earning by fair means is a primary virtue and charity a secondary virtue; growing out from the primary virtue. (51) If you want to travel in search of your own reality, do not forget to open the door of your inner self from inside the room of your own soul.

(52) If you want to be beneficial to your fellow beings, do this without divulging yourself in the variety of situations that people happen to be in. (53) When you develop, develop all aspects of your inner and outer personality so that you succeed sufficiently. (54) Your developed soul shall survive after leaving your body. (55) The people who do not develop their spiritual senses deny those who have developed these spiritual senses, simply because they have no means to judge those mystical people. (56) Inherited qualities can be developed and maintained in a certain direction by paying full attention. (57) An evil activity generates evil, even if the doer of such deeds is an ignorant person. (58) Success means reaching a winning point by following the required set of principles. (59) The development of higher consciousness presupposes a required degree of suffering. (60) You have to be fully prepared and managed at the very beginning of a journey, otherwise you are not heading toward sustainable success. (61) Souls of a certain nature attract souls of a nature similar to them. (62) You should ride over your resources in order to be a free soul. (63) Should you feel that life is not tasteful enough, increase the variety in your approaches to life goals. (64) If you do not light the oil lamp of your heart, you will soon submerge in the oil drums of your feelings and passions. (65) If you work hard for a reasonable period of time, it is very likely that you will be rewarded afterward when you are not working hard. (66) If you claim to have inherited a social and spiritual rank, you are then obliged to attain those peculiar qualities that are required in relation to that rank. (67) The fruit of hard work overshadows the image of the rough hands that worked in the production of that fruit.

(68) A quantitative accumulation has no virtuous standing unless it also attains a qualitative difference. (69) A free man with a lower rank is better than a slave man of a higher rank. (70) You must make a relationship with your inner self whose beauty is much higher than that of your outer self. (71) Beware of those who drag you behind from your track. (72) There are people who ignore their afterlife, similar to the ignorance of animals. (73) Virtue should be an integral part of your operating personality so that everyone is plainly benefitted from you. (74) Higher consciousness is like a light that comes down from the sun to whoever is receptive to this light. (75) This age is an opportunity given to a person for the realization of one's potential. (76) In order to overcome this present-day narrow mindedness and for the greater benefit of the humanity, the human beings on the earth need to look up the higher goals (77) All the accidental colors you attain in this life are to be sacrificed in favor of the colorlessness of your soul that you are required to achieve. (78) Try to reach your own very real soul. (79) Washing everything existing out of yourself does not wash your inner self. (80) If you are on a path where you can absorb the shocks created by others, you are on the right path. (81) Foresight saves a person from many untoward incidents. (82) Do not become straight away receptive to the feelings and thoughts of others. (83) If you are not endowed with humbleness, your virtuousness is only a temporary phenomenon. (84) Reap the fruit of your hard work through a process. Any over clever attitude in violation of a set process ends up in repentance. (85) You should claim a rank after you have done the required part of the work yourself. (86) Quantity has no higher meaning unless accompanied by a quality of the required level.

(87) Loneliness felt in the journey of developing one's soul shall soon result in a valuable companionship. (88) Remember that people in good or bad company are heading in directions corresponding to their company. (89) Being righteous cannot be tested with one's own thinking, rather it should be judged on standard criteria. (90) A life full of material resources without realization of the potential of one's own surviving soul is absolutely no achievement. (91) when you rise above, it should be easy to look down and manage the issues of lower levels. (92) When you have managed yourself in daily life, start working on those aspects of life that shall benefit you in the hereafter. (93) If you are not receptive enough, you shall not benefit sufficiently from the active powers of the universe. (94) Recognize your nature and strive to develop it. (95) Your actions are the cause of effects that keep on chasing you. (96) Beware of the similarity of things as they appear at first sight. (97) Always walk toward a target with small and steady steps so that you have sustainable growth. (98) What you make in your inside and outside world should be in a manner that yields a coherent result. (99) Allow your feelings and passions to take their path in the most appropriate and disciplined manner. (100) Observe and make corrections in your inner world so that you do not face so many troubles from the outer world. (101) Modesty is the preciousness, sacredness and exaltedness of human being. It provides maintenance and prolonged protection to the human society. (102) Feel, observe, and strengthen your soul, during the time that you are in your biological framework.

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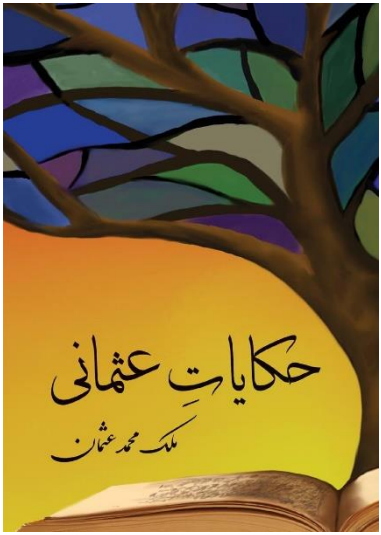

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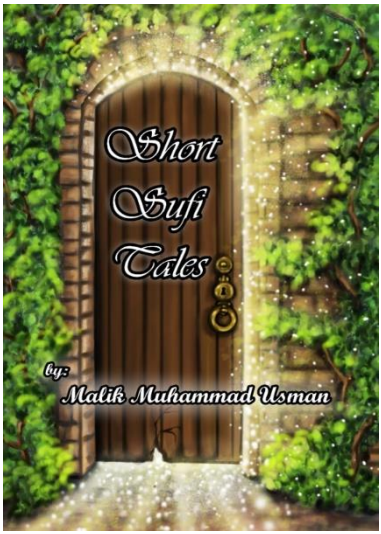

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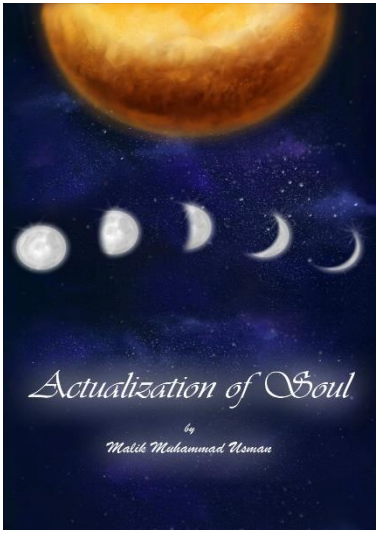

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